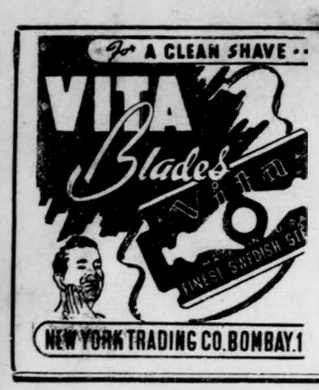

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Nazis Invent Mission For Eden?

LONDON DENIES HIS VISIT TO MOSCOW AND TALKS WITH STALIN

LONDON, December 28.

A false report was broadcast by the German controlled Paris Radio to-day (Monday) that the Foreign Secretary, Mr. Eden was in Moscow.

The radio said, he was having conversations with M. Stalin and M. Molotov.

There is absolutely no foundation for this report.—Reuter.

Reuter's special correspondent writes:—

The German garrisons encircled behind the front line in the Middle Don area are gradually being exterminated. Russian spearhead and infantry following them are having to deal with extensive minefields round the Germans' strong points. They are also meeting fierce resistance and frequent counter-attacks. North-west of Stalingrad, Soviet air force were very active steadily destroying German man-power, equipment and fortifications.

HEAVY ENEMY LOSSES

A supplement to Monday's midday Soviet 'communique' states: "In the factory area of Stalingrad our assault groups occupied enemy points of resistance and a number of blockhouses and dugouts. One enemy company was wiped out. North-west of Stalingrad, we occupied a height of strategic importance. The Germans launched counter-attacks attempting to recapture the height and suffered 200 casualties. South-west of Stalingrad we successfully developed an offensive. In one sector the Germans launched a counter-attack with infantry supported by tanks and after fierce fighting were routed with 600 killed.

In the area of Middle Don our troops overcoming enemy resistance continued to forge ahead. In the area of Veliki Luki, a Soviet unit occupied four inhabited localities. Enemy counter-attacks failed miserably. West of Rzhev we occupied 13 blockhouses and 19 dugouts wiping out 200 of the enemy. South-east of Nalchik after fierce engagements our troops occupied an important inhabited locality inflicting heavy losses. In fighting for one important height 400 of the enemy were killed. In one sector, our patrols broke into enemy positions and in hand to hand fighting killed 600."

GERMAN STATEMENT DENIED

Denying the German statement that Axis forces were fighting north-west of Voronezh and west of Kaluga the Soviet Information Bureau to-day stated, "No such attacks have been launched and Kaluga has long been far to the Soviet rear. "The Germans are evidently attempting to distract attention of their people from sectors where real fighting is in progress and where the Germans are retreating in disorder."

STALIN THANKS VILLAGE PRIEST

Stalin has sent a letter of thanks to the village Priest, Alexander Troitsky who sent him 100,000 Roubles (about £4,000) towards the fund for making planes and tanks for the Red Army. This is the first time Stalin has addressed a clergyman, since as a youthful student at the Georgian Orthodox Seminary he was expelled for Marxist propaganda.

All Eyes On Sir Firoze Khan

Punjab Premiership And Unionist Party Leadership

(From Our Correspondent.)

NEW DELHI, Dec. 28.

Political repercussions in the Punjab to Sir Sikandar's death seem to be still uncertain. Sir Choturam used to officiate as the Premier in the past, whenever Sir Sikandar left the province, but the "Dawn" which reflects the Muslim League's plans observes editorially to-day "A Muslim Premier in a Muslim province is an obvious proposition. It cannot be otherwise, as Sir Choturam, Deputy Leader of the Unionist Party must realise".

It appeals to Sir Firozekhan Noon to resign from the Viceroy's Council, sign the Muslim League creed step into Sir Sikandar's place as the Premier and also stand for election in the late Premier's constituency.

The position in the province is analogous to what it was when Sir Fazli Hussain suddenly died before the last elections leaving the Unionist Party without a leader.

Sir Sikandar then agreed to renounce the Deputy Governorship of the Reserve Bank and take Sir Fazli Hussain's place.

When the Unionist Party now meets to consider the question of leadership, a similar request is expected to be conveyed to Sir Firozekhan Noon.

Sir Chotu Ram Not To Contest For Premiership

ROHTAK, Dec. 28.

"I do not propose to be a candidate for Premiership, and as a disinterested adviser, hope to be able to reconcile with the willing assistance of disinterested friends conflict claims of individual candidates if a conflict arises at all" says the Hon. Sir Chhotu Ram, Revenue Minister, Punjab, in a press statement.

"Sir Sikandar's premature death", he adds, "has been a staggering blow to me as a personal friend and political colleague. The loss caused by his untimely death is truly and literally irreparable and affects the Punjab, India and the British Commonwealth alike. The sudden and most unexpected removal of Sir Sikandar from our midst, leaves a void impossible to fill. The hopes of inter-communal unity and harmony have received a serious setback but his activities for communal peace and goodwill and for war efforts will be continued with unabated vigour by his friends and colleagues. I am also confident that though deprived of his powerful and inspiring leadership the Unionist Party will remain united and strong. I do not propose to be a candidate for Premiership and as a disinterested adviser hope to be able to reconcile with the willing assistance of other disinterested friends of conflicting claims of individual candidates if a conflict arises at all. After all the cause which we all started to serve is far far greater than a Premiership or a Ministership."—A. P.

DE GAULLE MEETS EDEN

LONDON, Dec. 28.

The Fighting French Leader, General De Gaulle called at the Foreign Office to-day, where he had an interview with the Foreign Secretary, Mr. Anthony Eden.—Reuter.

GENERAL DE GAULLE'S CALL FOR UNION OF FRENCH FORCES

LONDON, Dec. 28.

Referring to General Giraud as a "renowned French military chief General De Gaulle in a broadcast to-night called for the union of all who carry the arms of France in one army, one navy and one air force. General De Gaulle urged the establishment of an enlarged provisional authority.—Reuter.

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JAP RAIDERS ATTACK CALCUTTA

Bengal Premier To Discuss Raid Situation With Viceroy

NEW DELHI, December 28.

An India joint war communique says: Early this morning a few enemy aircraft made a short raid on the Calcutta area.

Full reports are not yet available but one small fire started by a bomb in one inhabited locality was quickly put out.

Attack On East Bengal

In addition to the small raid on the Calcutta area at about four this morning, it has been reported that about the same time other enemy aircraft were over Eastern Bengal, says an India command joint war "communique".

Bombs were dropped at two places causing slight damage and a small number of casualties.

Further reports from Calcutta say that the damage caused in that area was extremely slight and that the number of casualties is less than ten.

CASUALTIES EXTREMELY LIGHT

The following bulletin has been issued by the combined staffs:

During the early hours of the morning to-day a very few enemy aircraft attacked the Calcutta area. R.A.F. fighters were airborne and obtained contact with the enemy. Anti-aircraft batteries were also in action and the raid was of short duration.

A few bombs were dropped outside the city and reports indicate that damage was negligible and casualties extremely light.

Chittagong and Feni were also raided during the night. Preliminary reports from Chittagong indicate a very light raid which resulted in a few bombs being dropped in areas near the river. No serious damage has resulted. Casualties were extremely light.

No details are yet available of the raid over Feni except that it was on a very light scale

MINISTER'S INTEREST IN EVACUATION PLANS

Yesterday the Hon. Mr. P. N. Banerjee, Minister for Revenue and Mr. B. R. Sen, Director of Civil Evacuation and Relief went down by road to Burdwan to inspect the arrangements that have been made to deal with evacuees from the Calcutta area. On the way they visited the Chinsura A. R. P. Depot and discussed matters with the District Magistrate. At Burdwan they paid a visit to the railway station and discussed local problems with the District Magistrate, Superintendent of Police and the railway officials and also inspected the working of the relief centre at Burdwan.

The evacuation that had taken place was still on a moderate scale and quite within the competence of the local officials to control satisfactorily.

The situation is being carefully watched by Government.

SHOT DOWN JAP 'PLANES ON EXHIBITION

During the last two days Calcutta has had the opportunity of seeing two destroyed Japanese planes, when they were taken on trucks througout the city. It was an impressive sight serving as a reminder to all concerned what frightful punishment our fighters and anti-aircraft guns inflict on enemy raiders when they dared to attack.

This was a travelling exhibition of destroyed Japanese planes, organised by the Public Relations Department of the Eastern Army.

It has been generally agreed that the sight of these destroyed enemy planes has done much to convince the man-in-the-street that the Japanese cannot raid and get away with it. It has also shown that our defences are ever watchful and ready.

COMMISSIONER'S WARNING

The Commissioner of Police, Calcutta, has issued a notice of caution against excessive speed by motorists when an air raid alert sounds. He says, "It has been noticed that when the air raid siren goes many people in motor cars and other motor vehicles drive along the streets at excessive speed. This practice is not only indicative of panic but it is also both unnecessary and dangerous. Those who have to use their cars after the siren goes should proceed calmly and at a speed not exceeding 25 miles an hour. To cover a distance of one mile at 25 miles an hour takes roughly two and a half minutes. Driving at 45 it takes one and a quarter minutes so that the time saved by excessive speed is negligible. On the other hand the increased danger is serious and likely to be more so in the dark period.

HUQ IN DELHI

NEW DELHI, Dec. 28.

The Hon. Mr. A. K. Fazlul Huq, Premier of Bengal, arrived here to-day, the "United Press" learns, to discuss the situation arising out of the Calcutta raids with the higher authorities here. He may, if possible, meet H. E. the Viceroy, officers of the Civil Defence Department and Military authorities.—United Press.

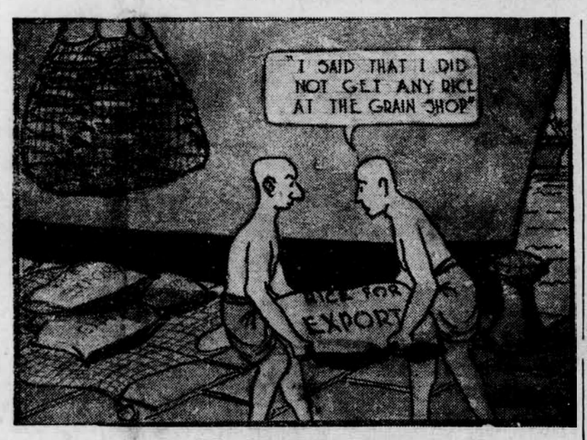
U. S. Bombers Over Bangkok And Thailand

NEW DELHI, Dec. 28.

At about midnight on the night of December 26th|27th, a considerable force of Tenth U. S. Air Force heavy bombers was over Bangkok, Thailand, says a 'communique' issued by Rear Echelon Headquarters, United States Army Forces China, Burma and India.

Various targets in the area were effectively bombed. A large arsenal and powder factory located north of Bangkok was hit; the Bangkok airfield, one of the most important enemy fields in the occupied countries, was successfully attacked. At the same time, the naval dock area of the city was hit with heavy bombs which caused damaging fires.

None of our aircraft is missing.—A. P.



The Food Problem

Go To India Office

Br. Transport Ministry's Reply To Hindustani Social Club

(FROM A SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT)

LONDON, Dec. 28.

THAT THE WHOLE SHIPPING SPACE WHICH IS AVAILABLE FOR ALLOCATION FOR CIVIL REQUIREMENTS OF INDIA IS LOADED ON INSTRUCTIONS OF THE INDIA OFFICE ACTING ON BEHALF OF THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA, IS THE REPLY GIVEN BY THE BRITISH MINISTRY OF WAR TRANSPORT TO THE REPRESENTATION MADE BY THE HINDUSTANI SOCIAL CLUB, LONDON, REGARDING A PROPOSAL TO ASSIST FOOD SITUATION IN INDIA.

THE MINISTRY SAID THAT IN THESE CIRCUMSTANCES THE CLUB SHOULD APPROACH THE INDIA OFFICE IN THE MATTER.

Heavy Casualties In Naples Raid

ZURICH, Dec. 28.

In the Naples raid on December 4, at least 600 persons were killed and 400 injured, according to reports reaching here. Damage was the greatest in the harbour district, while the station, some factories and several hundred houses were totally destroyed.—Reuter.

ALMONGE (Ontario), Dec. 28.

Thirty-two people were killed and over a hundred injured late Sunday night, when a troop train crashed into the rear of a local passenger train standing in station here.

MYSTERY EXECUTION

London Papers Demand More Light On Trial Of Darlan's Assassin

(From A Special Correspondent)

LONDON, Dec. 28.

The "Observer" says that the pace with which the undefined French authority in Algiera acted in turn as the judge, the jury and the executioner against the unnamed assassin of the late Admiral Darlan has caused concern in London political circles.

It is felt that the Darlan administration has been all along more an Allied responsibility than a purely local French affair and that everything which happened in this connection will reflect more on Britain and America than on the late Darlan's Imperial Council.

The judicial speed and secrecy with which this political crime was punished has brought doubts raised by the affair more into the open. Whatever else may emerge from this disquieting chapter, it is evident that Parliament will want a great deal more information than is forthcoming at present.

It is not known whether Allied authorities were consulted or advised about the form in which the trial took place and the secrecy which was maintained.

WHO WAS THE ASSASSIN?

Mr. Louis Levy, French Socialist journalist, writing in today's "Reynold's News" says: "It is rumoured that Darlan's assassin was a member of the Party Populaire Francais—the super-Fascist pro-Nazi party of Jacques Deriot. This party is powerful in North Africa and it has, it seems its strongest citadels in Algeria. If it is true that Darlan's assassin is a Deriot man, that shows how necessary it is in Algeria to take measures against enemies' Fascist accomplices."

It is believed that the North African Government will be a French Government with the Allies and with the possibility of British political advisers. It is said that Darlan's death will solve some political difficulties—those affecting Gen. De Gaulle.

COMPROMISE PLAN

Mr. George Slocombe in "Sunday Express" suggests a compromise solution for setting up the North African Government, which is "the creation of a world-wide French Imperial Council which would provisionally recognise Giraud as the Commander-in-Chief of all French Forces in Africa Gen. Catroux as the Commander-in-Chief of the Middle East French and General De Gaulle as the Inspector-General with semi-political status as the leader of the resistance in France."

FASCIST INFLUENCE IN NORTH AFRICA

(From Our Correspondent)

LONDON, December 28.

It is hinted in some quarters that Darlan's assassin was a member of the "Popular France's" Party, a Fascist organisation under Doriot's leadership. This party is powerful in North Africa and seems to have strong citadels in Algiers.

It is likely that a Britisn Political adviser may be appointed as 'liaison' officer to work with Gen. Eisenhower and also co-operate with Mr. Murphy, President Roosevelt's personal Adviser.

Whether Gen. Giraud remains the head of the North African Government primarily depends upon the French Army's ability to go ahead without his full time attention.

Tunis And Sousse Harbours Bombed

Allied Forces Contact Enemy In Wadi Ber El Chebir Area

LONDON, December 28.

Allied troops have contacted the enemy forty miles west of Sirte. The contact occurred yesterday in the area of Wadi Ber El Chebir.

Wadi Chebir is a wide rift having the appearance of a cliff which extends far inland from the sea in a south-westerly direction. The nearest point in direct line from Sirte is about 30 miles.

The Joint Middle East War Communique on Monday says, "Yesterday, our troops were in contact with the enemy in Wadi Ber El Chebir area. There were no important air operations over the battle area yesterday. Tunis and Sousse harbours were bombed on the night of December 26 and 27. A Messerschmitt 109 was shot down, and others driven off when attempting to cross the coast of Malta yesterday. There were no Allied air losses from above operations."

Today's Italian communique said "There was intensified patrol activity in the Sirte region.

"The main basin of Tunis harbour felt the weight of Allied medium bombers during the Boxing night raid. Large fires broke out, and the electric railway depot was directly hit by a heavy calibre bomb.

A despatch from North Africa this afternoon quoted General Eisenhower as saying "Rainy weather is largely responsible for the slowing down of operations." The Commander-in-Chief paid a tribute to the toughness of his troops and the way they were carrying on under disagreeable conditions. Although activity on British and American sectors has been limited by heavy rain, the French have been busy in the Southern Sector in the Pont Du Fahs Area.

Begum Shahnawaz For Viceroy's Council

(From Our Correspondent.)

NEW DELHI, Dec. 28.

Sir M. Zafrullah may find himself back in the Central Government as a member very soon. Another interesting report that is current is that Begum Shahnawaz is also in high favour, and her name is likely to be considered for Informaion Membership, thus creating a new precedent as she will be the first woman member in the Central Government. In any case, the question of filling vacancies will take sometime to decide, as Sir R. Maxwell is also due to retire next summer, and all appointments may be considered together in order to keep up communal ratio

PESHAWAR, Dec. 28.

A severe cold-wave is passing over Afghanistan and other countries of Central Asia where temperatures appreciably lower than the freezing point have been registered.

Widespread falls of snow have occurred in Afghanistan, Tajikistan and Sinkiang and all mountain passes are blocked.—A. P.

GOVT. LIFTS BAN ON KHAKSARS

Cancels Order Under Defence Rules Served On Allama

NEW DELHI, Dec. 28.

The following communique has been issued:—Since the resolution regarding the Khaksars was discussed in the Central Legisiative Assembly on September 22nd and 23rd 1942, the Government of India have been in consultation with the Provincial Governments regarding the possibility of removing the ban which at the instance of the Central Government was imposed by them on that association, under the Criminal Law Amendment Act in June 1941. Allama Mashriqi has now issued a statement to the press and has communicated its contents to all branches of the Khaksar organization.

In the light of that statement, all Provincial Governments have agreed to cancel ban on the Khaksar organization. The Government of India are taking similar action in Chief Commissioners' provinces and have also cancelled the order under the Defence of India Rules restricting the Allama's residence to the province of Madras.

The following is Allama Mashriqui's statement:—

"I am glad to give the news to all that the Government have agreed to lift in general the ban on the Khaksar organization, cancel restrictions on my residence in Madras Presidency and have asked me to issue orders to the Khaksars all over British India, in accordance with the terms put forward by me on April 27, Sept. 4 and the announcement of January 16.

"On Jan. 16, 1942 after my 80 days' fast in defence of religious principles on which the Khaksar organization was based and for the release of remaining Khaksar prisoners, I issued a statement to the press from jail, which the Government of India pronounced as acceptable. In that statement, I gave instructions to the Khaksars to abandon for the duration of war display of uniforms or Akhuwwat badges, carrying of any belchas or any other weapons and marches or drilling of any description. I now reaffirm those instructions which are to be observed both in letter and spirit by all Khaksars and are to be interpreted as meaning that for duration of war, daily and weekly social service may be performed by Khaksars in an individual capacity, but there are to be no drills, no carrying of implements, no wearing of uniforms or badges.

"I further direct that in view of the political situation both inside and outside India and in order to help as much as possible in the war effort to save India from becoming worse politically through aggression of Axis powers, further activities of Khaksars are to be of such a nature as not to cause the least anxiety to the authorities anywhere as long as the war lasts. I am convinced that the programme of a Khaksars at this eventful moment is to make himself ready for selfless service, irrespective of caste or creed and to be of utmost use to all. Any orders issued to the Khaksars which are inconsistent with these present instructions are to be regarded as cancelled."—A. P.

'QUAKE HAVOC IN TURKEY

ANKARA, Dec. 28.

Three thousand houses were destroyed in a third earthquake in Mughla district, Turkey on Saturday.

Bomb Thrown Inside City Cinema

A country made bomb was thrown inside a cinema house in Fort area at 9 p.m. on Monday by some unknown person who disappeared in the darkness

The bomb did not explode, and none was injured. The oplice arrived on the scene and took possession of the bomb

A person who was found carrying an incendiary bomb in a workshop in the north of Bombay was arrested by the police.

Japanese Flying Supplies

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28

A Navy Department communique says that the Japanese are flying supplies into Guadalcanar.—Reuter.

Lashio Bombed

CHUNGKING, Dec. 28.

Americans bombed Lashio (terminus of the Burma Road) on Saturday last for the third time in the week it is learned today.—Reuter.

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H.M.			H.M.
14-50	Dep. Bombay	Arr.	14-30
15- 8	,, Dadar	Arr.	14- 4
20-50	Arr. Delhi	Dep.	3-30
7 DOWN	**CALCUTTA MAILS**		**6 UP.**
H.M.			H.M.
20-45	Dep. Bombay	Arr.	13-15
21- 2	,, Dadar	Arr.	12-47
21-30	Arr. Allahabad	Dep.	12-20

To suit the revised timings of No. 6 Up Punjab Mail, No. 602 Up Lucknow Mail will be timed to arrive at Jhansi at 16-10 hrs. instead of at 16-25 hrs.

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Timings of other trains affected due to crossings, etc., will also be revised on and from the same date.

For particulars, please refer to the Sheet Time Tables exhibited at stations or the revised Edition of the Two Anna Time Table in force from 1st January, 1943, which will be issued shortly.

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G. I. P. RAILWAY
TRAIN NOTICE

THE PUBLIC ARE HEREBY INFORMED that No. 33 Down Poona Passenger Train will run to the following timings on WEDNESDAY, the 30th and THURSDAY, the 31st December, 1942.

		H.M.
Bombay	Dep.	10-40
Kalyan	Arr.	12- 2
,,	Dep.	12-12
Karjat	Arr.	13-18
,,	Dep.	13-23
Lonavla	Arr.	14-14
,,	Dep.	14-19
Kirkee	Arr.	15-40
,,	Dep.	15-44
Poona	Arr.	16-00

(2871)

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Share Certificate No. P. 1652 for 50 partly paid, (Rs. 125/- paid up) shares Nos. 168761/810 in the Imperial Bank of India (Bombay Register) issued in the name of the late Khan Saheb Janmohamed H. Shaikh has been lost or mislaid. Due notice thereof has been given to the Bank and all persons are warned against dealing with the share certificate in any way.

MOHOMED NAZIR JAN MAHOMED SHAIKH,
Executor of the estate of the late Khan Saheb Janmahomed H. Shaikh.

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GREAT INDIAN PENINSULA RAILWAY

The Divisional Engineer, G.I.P. Railway, Poona, invites tenders upto 16 hours on 15-1-'43 for constructing Institute Building at Dhond Station. The Form of Tender, Schedule and Conditions of Contract can be obtained from his office on payment of Rs. 2 per set. Plans for the work will be supplied on an additional payment of Rs. 3/- being made. These sums will not be refunded.

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Legal Notices

NOTICE

IN THE COURT OF THE PRINCIPAL SUBORDINATE JUDGE, GUNTUR
(Madras Presidency)

Small Cause Suit No. 11 of 1942.

ACHYUTANI RAGHAVAYYA ..... Plaintiff.
LALMAN JAMNADAS (Firm) of BOMBAY, ... Defendant.

The PETITION filed by the plaintiff I. A. No. 1111 of 1942 to restore the suit to file is posted to 31st Dec. '42 for Notice to the defendant.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to the defendant that if he fails to appear on that date by himself or by pleader, the petition would be disposed of in his absence.

A. SITAPATI RAO,
Pleader for Plaintiff.
10-12-42.
(500)

TO-DAY & THURSDAY
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8th & LAST WEEK
Daily: 3-30, 6-30 9-30 p.m.
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Unity's—BHAKTA
KABIR
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GREAT GUNS

RADICALS WARN BRITAIN

LUCKNOW, December 27.

The second session of the All-India Conference of the Radical Democratic Party, Manilen Kara, the Bombay Labour Leader presiding, adopted a number of resolutions.

The conference expressed gratification at the military success of the United Nations and reaffirmed the resolution of the Radical Democratic Party to hold the Indian sector of the international war front and otherwise contribute to the common struggle for the freedom and progress of humanity.

The conference expressed the view that the danger of India becoming a stronghold of reaction while the progressive forces would be set free in other parts of the world could be averted only by transferring power to the true exponents of Indian democracy even before the military conflict came to an end.

The Radical Democratic Party had all along pressed for such an interim reconstruction of Government. The new danger of possible alignment of reactionary forces made the need for a closer collaboration of the British and Indian democracies even more urgent than ever.

The conference expressed its determination that so long as the war with the Axis powers continued, the Radical Democratic Party would pursue the policy of helping in its prosecution in every possible way.

But as soon as any effort was made to foist a Fascist regime on India by handing over the power to the spokesmen of reactionary vested interests, the Radical Democratic Party would call upon the Indian people to rise in revolt against any attempt to perpetuate their slavery on pretext of national independence.

Finally the conference called upon all fighters for Indian freedom to organise and strengthen the democratic forces in the country and to build up a free democratic state representing the interests of the vast majority of the exploited and impoverished masses.

"Transfer Power To Anti-Fascist Forces"

LUCKNOW, Dec. 28.

At the last day's sitting of the All-India Radical Democratic Party Conference with Mr. Bimal Prasad Jain, General Secretary, Delhi Provincial Radical Democratic Party, in the Chair, a resolution was passed on the political deadlock in India and a plea was made for transfer of power to the anti-Fascist forces in the country which "have crystallised under the Radical Democratic Party."

The conference also adopted a resolution demanding the release of anti-Fascists who are still in jail.

Finally the conference adopted a resolution pointing out the seriousness of the situation created in consequence of the acute shortage of foodstuffs and urging the Government to take immediate steps as suggested by the party.—A. P.

GUNS & HATCHETS RECOVERED

KARACHI, Dec. 27.

A police party while patrolling the outskirts of Shandadpur Taluka earlier in the week is reported to have detained a gang of 18 Pathans. From the possession of these persons, the police are said to have seized two guns, 18 hatchets and 150 cartridges.—A. P.

SIND ARABIC UNIVERSITY

KARACHI, Dec. 28.

The first convocation of the Sind Arabic University will be held on 1st January 1943 under the presidentship of Pir Ellahibux Education Minister.—A. P.

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INTRODUCE FOOD RATIONING IN CALCUTTA

Hindu Sabha Appeal To Govt.

CALCUTTA, Dec. 27.

A resolution urging the Government of Bengal immediately to introduce rationing in Calcutta for essential food stuffs was adopted by the Working Committee of the Bengal Provincial Hindu Mahasabha at an emergent meeting held to-day.

The resolution also urged effective control and maintenance of supplies of foodstuffs and their equitable distribution so that if necessary the rich and the poor are placed on the same level.

With reference to the Midnapore district, affected by the recent cyclone the Committee appealed to the Government to stop the export of rice and paddy from the district and to open stores for the supply of these commodities at reasonable rates.

The Committee urged that in order to bridge the cleavage between the state and the people in this area the Government should declare a general amnesty.

It adopted a number of other proposals for better relief work in Midnapur district.—A.P.

Khaliquzzaman On Viceroy's Speech

LUCKNOW, Dec. 27.

Speaking at a meeting of the Muslim Students' Federation held in celebration of Mr. Jinnah's sixty-sixth birthday Chowdhary Khaliquzzaman reiterated the League's right for Pakistan. He said it was the Mussalman's good fortune that they had Mr. Jinnah as their leader who enjoyed that great position among the country's leaders. In these days of ever-changing attitude people being led by one in one direction and by others in another direction Mr. Jinnah showed one and one attitude only. Mr. Jinnah was leading the Muslims on the same principles as was done by the late Maulana Mohamed Ali. He referred to Maulana Mohamed Ali's speech in which he (Maulana Mohamed Ali) said that if Hindus and Muslims did not unite India would be divided into Hindu India and Muslim India. Mr. Jinnah was proving the same fact to the whole world and this was done to such an extent that glimpses of admission of this fact were available in Cripps' proposals.

Mr. Khaliquzzaman warned that if Hindus did not realize this fact they and the Muslims would remain in the same position in which they were at present. If the Hindus maintained their present attitude other minorities would spring up to fight for their rights.

Reviewing the present political situation 'vis-a-vis' the war, he declared that Congress committed a mistake in starting the movement and sending leaders to jail but the League would not make that mistake.

The meeting passed a resolution congratulating Mr. Jinnah on his sixty-sixth birthday; another resolution was passed reading as follows:—

"This meeting read His Excellency the Viceroy's recent utterance at Calcutta with mixed feelings of alarm and consternation. While his statement envisages revision of policy indicated in Cripps' proposals it is also likely to disillusion sensible Hindu opinion that unity of India is incompatible in the complexities of Indian politics, with the freedom of India. The Federation warns the Government against dangers which lie in the policy of alternately encouraging one or other political parties and urges upon the Musims of India not to be disturbed in their resolve to win Pakistan with their own efforts and sacrifices."

At another meeting held in connection with Mr. Jinnah's birthday, Mr. Khaliquzzaman referred to the Viceroy's speech at Calcutta and declared that unless Muslims were given Pakistan unity among Muslims and Hindus could not be attained. He said that Muslims would get Pakistan not because Hindus opposed it or because the British Government would accept it but because Pakistan was Mussalmans' political right.—Orient Press.

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City And Suburbs

LOCAL ENGAGEMENTS To-day

Hindu: Magsar Vad 7, 1999.
Muslim: Jilhej 20, 1361.
Parsi: Tir 26, 1312.
Sunrise: 8-13 a.m., Sunset: 7-9 p.m.
Hightide: 3-34, 15-52. Lowtide: 10-03, 21-24.

AMUSEMENTS OF THE DAY

BROADWAY—"Ankh Michaoli" 4-30, 7-15 and 10 p.m.
KOHINOOR—"Roti" 4, 7 and 10 p.m.
CITY LIGHT—"Doctor" 4-30, 7-15 and 10
SUPER—"Gora Kumbhar" 4-15, 7 and 9-45
NOVELTY—"Vasant Sena" 4, 7 and 10 p.m.
CAPITOL—"Pardon My Sarong" 4 6-30 and 9-30 p.m.
SWASTIK—"Damaji" 3-30, 6-30 and 9-30 p.m.
REGAL—"Lady in a Jam" 4, 6-30 and 9-30
KRISHNA—"Ever Yours" 4-30, 7-15 and 10
MINERVA—"Bhakta Kabir" 3-30, 6-30 and 9-30 p.m.
METRO—"Cross Roads" 3-30, 6-30 and 9-30
LAMINGTON—"EK-Raat" 4, 7 and 10 p.m.
NEW EMPIRE—"Syncopation" 3-30, 6-30 and 9-30 p.m.
EXCELSIOR—"Rudyard Kiplings's Jungle Book" 3-30, 6-30 and 9-30 p.m.
STRAND—"Lady Hamilton" 3-30, 6-30 and 9-30 p.m.
LIGHT HOUSE—"Great Guns" 4-30, 7 and 10
EROS—"This Above All" 3-30, 6-30 and 9-30
IMPERIAL—"Jawab" 4, 7 and 10 p.m.
HIND-MATA—"Bharat Milap" 4, 7 and 10
APOLLO—"On The River" 4-30, 7 and 10
CHITRA—"Khan-Daan" 3, 6-15 and 9-30 p.m.
EDWARD—"The Thief of Bagdad" 4 6-30 and 10 p.m.
AURORA—"Sergeant York" 4, 6-30 and 10
PALACE—"Ball of Fire" 4, 6-30 and 10 p.m.
CENTRAL—"Ten O'Clock" 4, 7 and 10 p.m.
NEW WEST-END—"Zamindar" 3, 6-30 and 10 p.m.
OPERA HOUSE—"Surdas" 2-30, 5, 7-30 and 10 p.m.
MAJESTIC—"Basant" 3-30, 6-30 and 9-30.
ROXY—"Jhoola" 2-15, 3-45 and 9 p.m.

RAMAKRISHNA VIVEKANANDA CENTRE: Mr. D. V. Sabnis will conduct a class on Dynaneswari in Marathi, at 7-15 p.m. to-day (Tuesday), at the Centre premises at 54, Portuguese Church Street, Dadar, B. B. & C. I. Rly.

RAMANA JAYANTI. MATUNGA: To-day's programme 9-30 to 11 p.m.—Musical entertainment by Sangitha Bhushanam T. S. Krishnaswami (Vocal), Master Gopalakrishnan of Madras, (Violin), and Sri V. Eswaran of Madras, (Mridangam).

TELEGRAPH NOTIFICATION: "Transmission time on telegrams to northern India, Belgaum, Nova Goa, Rajkot, Karachi, Allahabad, Cawnpore, Jubbulpore, Lucknow, Calicut, Calcutta, Secunderabad, Nagpur, Amraoti, Bangalore and Madras is now normal."

Thana Catholic Association X'mas Tree And Sports

"That this Christmas may usher in a peace just and honourable between the warring nations and that our great and beloved motherland India, may find her right place among the nations in the world of the future" was the wish expressed by Mr. A. C. Hendricks, President of the Association, addressing the large and cosmopolitan gathering at the Eleventh Annual X'mas Tree & Sports held on Christmas evening. Mr. J. E. Finnigan, Manager, Raymond Woollen Mills, presided and Mrs. Finnigan gave away the prizes.

Father Christmas distributed toys and sweets to nearly 300 children. The programme consisted of 20 items which kept the crowd interested and amused throughout the evening. The items "Grab an Orange", "Find a Lolly-pop" and "Minus a shoe" for the little ones caused much fun and laughter as also did "Banana Eating" for grown up children. "Blind Derby" an item for the married was keenly contested, the winners being Mr. & Mrs. T. V. M. D'Mello.

The best item in the programme was the "Indian Dress Parade" for which the Association gave a Trophy in memory of the late Rev. Fr. J. C. Ferreira. Master George Alvares who had well imitated a Fisherman's dress, was the recipient of this trophy.

Mr. Eddie M. Alvares, the Hony. General Secretary proposing the vote of thanks at the close of the function, referred to the liberal contributions received in spite of war conditions, which justified the holding of this function for the little ones even at war times.

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GOVT. "CHORAS" IN GODHRA SET ON FIRE

The Government "Choras" of the village Agarwada in Godhra Taluk was set on fire. The revenue Talati was assaulted and the revenue collections have been stolen. The police are investigating.

An attempt was made to set fire to the police chowki at Lohia Bhagol in Anand town. The fire was put out immediately, but slight damage was caused to the "chowki."

Grass stacks and some portion of the standing "Bajri" crop belonging to a farmer in Patdi State was set on fire. The police who visited the spot later found a threatening note there written by some unknown person.

COLLEGE MALI INJURED

Mrs. Laxmibai Joshi and Mr. Vasantrao Hanje were arrested, according to a message from Kolhapur.

A crude bomb which was discovered in the compound of the science building of the Rajaram college is reported to have exploded when it was handled by the mali of the place injuring the mali.

Another explosion is reported to have occurred in the house of Mr. Baburao Mahadk in Shivaji Peth as a result of which one person is stated to have been injured.

Six Praja Parishad workers of Mouje Herele have been arrested under the Defence of India Rules.

One pistol and several other weapons are reported to have been seized by the police in the course of searches at several places at Dastikop, says a message received here from Belgaum.

14 ARRESTED AND SENTENCED

Fourteen persons who were arrested in Zalod on December 15 last on a charge of holding the Panchmahals District Azad Parishad, were sentenced to two months' simple imprisonment each.

Mr. Ambalal P. Vyas, Secretary of the Zalod Taluk Samiti and a former member of the Panchmahals District Local Board, was arrested today under Section 26 of the Defence of India Rules.

HOUSE SEARCHED

The Kulaura Police searched the "Karmi Bhaban" at Kulaura in Shillong and arrested a Khadi worker under the Defence of India Rules.

In a special Court at Kulaura Mr. Tarini Saday De of Chhakapan has been awarded 4 months' rigorous imprisonment under the Defence of India Rules by a Maulvibazar Magistrate.

SCREEN'S MOST POPULAR ARTISTS

BOMBAY, Monday.

Rai Bahadur Chunilal, General Manager of the Bombay Talkies presided over the little function at the Governor's pavilion of the Cricket Club of India organised by Mr. Ramchandani and Mr. Shahani of the Talkie Herald."

The "Talkie Herald" recently invited votes from its readers for selecting the most popular heroine, hero, character-actor, villain and comedian of the Indian screen for the year 1942. The votes were scrutinised by Mr. Baburao Pai of Prabhat and Famous Pictures and the result was announced by Rai Bahadur Chunilal in a suitable little speech in which he complimented the artiste as the backbone of the film industry.

According to the result Khurshid was declared to be the most popular heroine, Motilal, most popular hero, Mazhar Khan, best character-actor, Hari Shivdasani most hated villain and Gope most liked comedian.

About a hundred invited guests were present and to their delight Rai Bahadur Chunilal hoped that this competition would be an annual feature. He presented silver cups to all the artists.

Jinnah Returns To Bombay

BOMBAY, Monday.

Mr. M. A. Jinnah arrived, today, by the Frontier Mail and was received at the Bombay Central by Mr. Aziz Gafur Kazi, honorary general secretary of the Bombay Provincial Muslim League, Mr. M. O. Kokil, Mr. Haji Noor Mohamed Ahmed, Mr. Mohommedali Manlar, Khan Bahadur Hasanali P. Ibrahim and Haji Hasham Ismail, Vice-President of the Memon Chamber of Commerce.

Bombay local bodies will in future be charged Rs. 3 per sample for the analysis of food under the Bombay Prevention of Adulteration Act at the Public Health Laboratory, Poona, subject to their paying the following minima of contributions: For towns with a population of 10,000 or less, Rs. 60 for 20 samples; towns with a population between 10,000 and 20,000, Rs. 120 for 40 samples; towns between 20,000 and 30,000, Rs. 180 for 60 samples; towns between 30,000 and 40,000, Rs. 240 for 80 samples; towns between 40,000 and 100,000, Rs. 300 for 100 samples; and towns of more than 100,000, Rs. 480 for 160 samples.

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GERRARD ON ARA'S ART

A distinguished gathering was present at the Bombay Art Society Salon on Monday evening, when Mr. C. R. Gerrard, Director of Sir J. J. School of Art, declared open the exhibition of paintings by Mr. K. H. Ara.

Mr. Gerrard, while introducing Mr. Ara to the audience, said that though Mr. Ara had no systematic training in Art, he had attained efficiency in it, by dint of his perseverence and patience.

Cntinuing, Mr. Gerrard said that it was of no use classifying Mr. Ara's Art according to any particular style.

"He is an artist of a progressive outlook and is experimenting with various trends of art with no small amount of success. The present exhibition though only first of its kind, is a successful one."

Mr. K. H. Ara thanked Mr. Leyden and Professor Langhammer who had encouraged him to paint the pictures exhibited by him.

Sir Purushottamdas On Profit And Profiteering

SURAT, Dec. 28.

A fervent appeal to the merchant community as a whole and grain merchants in particular, not to indulge in profiteering was made by Sir Purushottamdas Thakurdas, speaking at an "At Home" in his honour given by the Surat Chamber of Commerce this evening. While no merchant would embark upon business without any profit, Sir Purushottamdas urged that on humanitarian grounds it behoved them to differentiate between profits and profiteering. He hoped that the time would never come when Surat would experience scarcity of essential foodstuffs.

Referring to the difficulties experienced by the weaving community owing to the stoppage of booking of finished goods for export by the Railways, Sir Purushottamdas said the weavers had a good case and appealed to them to pursue the matter unitedly. It would be foolish, in his opinion, to let finished cloth lie idle when there was a large demand everywhere.

Rao Bahadur Sastry, President of the Chamber, welcoming Sir Purushottamdas announced, that as a result of representations made to Government the freezing order on stock of copper wire had been withdrawn thereby providing work to over 40,100 cottage weavers of Surat who depended on the Jari (imitation gold and silver) industry, for their living. Mr. Sastry conveyed special thanks to Sir Purushottamdas whose influence and advice had made this possible.—A. P.

Sind Ban On Wheat Export

KARACHI, December 28.

The Government of Sind has prohibited under the Defence of India Rules the export of wheat and its products by road, river, rail or sea.—A. P.

Punjab Wheat For Delhi

NEW DELHI, Dec. 28.

As a result of recent visits to the Punjab of the Commerce Member, Mr. N. R. Sarkar and the Wheat Commissioner, Mr. Y. N. Sukthanker, arrangements have been made to import into Delhi 10,000 bags of wheat by January 15. Wheat has already started coming into Delhi.

The Food Purchasing Section of the Supply Department with Lt.-Col. E. J. Boughton as Chief Controller of Purchase will be transferred to the newly created Food Department on January 1, 1943.

The Controller-General of Food Grains, Mr. P. S. Rau, has arrived here and the taken over charge of his new appointment.—A. P.

PRICE OF SUGARCANDY

The Government of Bombay has fixed the maximum prices of sugarcandy for retail sale at annas 7 per seer (80 tolas).

Echo Of Akali Dal's Decision For Partition Of Punjab

RAWALPINDI, Dec. 28.

All 11 members of the Shiromani Akali Dal representing Pindi and Jhelum Districts have decided not to participate in the annual general meeting of the Shiromani Akali Dal to be held at Amritsar on December 29 to elect office bearers of the central organisation for the coming year as a protest against their programme for the partition of the Punjab enunciated by the Shiromani Akali Dal.

This decision has been conveyed to Master Tara Singh President of the Shiromani Akali Dal by Sardar Mulsingh, Jathedar of the Pindi District Akali Jatha and Jathedar Hukam Singh of Jhelum District Akali Jatha who have characterised the decision of the Shiromani Akali Dal as grave injustice to the Sikh population of these Districts who have all along been part and parcel of the central organisation of the Shiromani Akali Dal throughout these years and who had been faithfully following the mandate of that organisation despite the fact that opinions and reasonable demands of the Sikhs of this area had always met with cold reception at the hands of the Sikh leaders dominating the central bodies.

It is pointed out in the letter that the abovementioned decision was arrived at without even consulting the Akali Jathas or any other responsible Sikh organisation on this side whose very existence was involved.—A. P.

The Belgian Government in London announced that all Belgian judges and Magistrates ceased to exercise their functions on December 12th, in protest against German interference with local administration.

CYCLONE AND AFTER

Sufferings Of Midnapore Peasants

(From A Special Correspondent.)

CONTAI.

On the 10th of December, I walked along the road to the east of Contai up to the sea shore, enquiring in road side villages, observing the rice distribution at the Government relief centre at Mudabanice and then walked along the coast line and on the badly damaged sea-dyke, observing numerous skeletons of men and cattle. Village after village is 'completely' washed away. How many people lie buried under the debris of ruined houses, God only knows! All along the road to Junput on the coast line I met and talked with several village folk with tears in their eyes of their present condition, their helplessness and slow starvation. Men, who would have proved the bravest soldiers, cried like children recounting their miseries during and after the cyclone and the great flood. All along the coast and at the base of the embankment the ground is literally strewn with skeletons and in some places even dead bodies and carcasses still rotting. Beyond the embankment on the coast line, homes of fisher folk (Jali-kaibarta who are a scheduled caste) are buried under the sand. While returning I saw two villages of Union No. 11 of Contai. This union is probably the worst affected in the Tana. It has just been handed over to the Upper India relief association of Calcutta. I saw their first rice-distribution for the people of this Union, at Daoki. One Dr. Madhavramji is the secretary of this organisation. I met him. He has brought with him half a dozen bundles of clothes also. I also saw the distribution of rice and dal at the same village Daoki, by the Government relief centre the people of Union No. 12. Talked to Hadis at the relief centre at Mudabania. At the Government relief centres, the second distribution was going on. The first distribution was done 23 days ago and it was meant for 14 days only. The first distribution was evidently very inadequate, the workers were giving 1/4 seer per day per adult and 1/8 seer per day per child. For example, people of Union No. 18 were receiving dole for the 'first time' on this day, nearly two months after the disaster. I wonder how these people have been able to survive so long!

SCARCITY OF WATER.

All along the road to Junput, a distance of over six miles, one clearly noticed the difficulty for drinking water. There was one tube well at Daoki and two at Junput on the coast, both of them situated side by side. These tube wells were serving people of several villages within a radious of 3 miles. To get a potful of drinking water, one has to walk four to six miles in all. The water in the tanks and khals is quite unfit. It is saline and dirty and even animals wont drink it.

I covered in all over 14 miles on the 10th, on foot.

On 11th, I met Babu Satish Ch. Dinda, Secretary of the local Hindu Mahasabha. With his assistant, I walked 4 1/2 miles and then cycled 2 1/2 miles to Pichabani ghat, south of Contai. Here is situated a relief centre of Hindu Mahasabha for Unions of Ramnagar Thana, the southernmost part of the district. There is also a Government relief centre situated here and meant for Unions No. 10 and 13 of Contai P. S. The officer in charge of this Government centre is a very sympathetic and good man and 'within his limitations' he was distributing relief satisfactorily. On the 11th, I toured in Union No. 10 of Ramnagar P. S., saw the breach in the sea dyke through which the tide first entered Contai subdivision, saw the ruins of salt companies, visited and talked to the fisher folk in a purely jali-hamlet, enquired if relief is being given properly and returned to the centre, with sores on my feet. Covered in all, over 16 miles on foot and 2 1/2 miles on cycle. This union No. 10 of Ramnagar P. S. is probably 'the worst' affected area. I talked with people of (1) Lokchandrapur, (2) Teghori, (3) Purushottampur, (4) Bel-baria (fishermen's hamlet) and (5) Kistmathaurbani. The friend who showed me round, had lost 21 persons of his own house and some servants of his. He himself was saved by a drum in which he entered and which was carried away by the tide and deposited at Contai, 10 miles from his home! People spoke with tears in their eyes how their kith and kin were carried away and how, they themselves survived by climbing up palm and date trees and spending more than 24 hours on tree tops. Close to the breach of the embankment, one well-built, one-storeyed house was razed to the ground, six persons dying under the roof and one being carried by the tide. Two of their children were saved—they having been deposited by the tide several miles away. One male member who has survived could not muster up courage to speak out. Misery was painted on his face. His eyes told it in clear language. His voice was choked up. With difficulty he said "seven perished" and pointed out the paddy gathered from dust and mud and smelling badly, on which they were sustaining themselves. Now they are receiving relief from the Mahasabha.

Relief of the Hindu Mahasabha is well organised and in spite of numerous difficulties of transport etc., they have worked well. People were fairly satisfied and there was no complaint. The pity is they want more relief. That is quite just. They ask for more clothes and they will get them in a few days. Clothes had already been distributed once. Of course they could not be enough for all the needy ones. They had given only 500 dhoties, 220 chadars and 50 blankets. New stock has already come and will be distributed soon.

CHORAL AND PHILHARMONIC SOCIETY'S CONCERT

Fryer's Brilliant Performance

The special X'mas concert on Monday evening at the C. J. Hall proved more successful than their last Chamber Music concert as the programme was well selected and popular. The choir figured largely in the programme and left no doubt as to the progress made and the higher level it has reached; Mr. Mendoza deserves all credit for the excellent results of the training given. It is difficult to select any item for meritorious mention. Bach's "Gloria in Excelsis Deo," the traditional "Adeste Fidelis" and the Fantasia on Christmas Carols sharing the honours.

The orchestra came out very well in the selection of short popular pieces in the second part of the programme—the accompaniment to Schumann's "Concerto" was a very valiant attempt and the slight hesitancy shown in the third movement can be overlooked.

It was round this concerto in A Minor that the whole performance centred and Herbert Fryer was exceptionally brilliant. The very absence of intricate passages paradoxically enough makes it difficult to render, but Mr. Fryer not only gave an excellent interpretation, but also managed to carry out the difficult task of keeping the orchestra with him. His Chopin encore proved equally brilliant.

The orchestra played two short pieces composed by Mendoza himself—they were well-received and gave a desirable variety to the programme. We hope to hear a few more at future concerts.

A pianoforte recital by Mr. Lloyd Powell next Monday will give a good start to Bombay's Musical programme for the New Year.

On Pacific Front

FIGHTING ROUND BUNA AIRFIELD

SYDNEY, December 28.

A dispatch from New Guinea describes how American troops on Christmas Eve swept round and behind the Japanese defences between the village and Government station at Buna and tried to cut through but the rest were held up.

On Christmas Day they made another attempt but found themselves opposed by a strong force of Japanese 3,400 yards from their objective. This left the forward unit isloated for some time.

Fighting continues round the Buna airfield where the Allies have for the past two days been without tank support.—Reuter.

Maharashtra Team To Meet Baroda In Ranji Match

POONA, Dec. 28.

The Maharastra Cricket Association has selected the following team to represent Maharashtra in their match in Ranji Trophy against the Baroda Cricket Association to be played in Baroda on January 2, 3 and 4, 1943.

Prof. D. B. Deodhar (Captain), S. W. Sohonni, C. T. Saravate, S. G. Shinde, D. S. Doctor, M. N. Paranjpye, M. K. Mantri, V. M. Pandit, S. R. Aroiker, J. Gazali, M. R. Phadkar, A. Venkatachari, B. B. Nimbalker, and M. R. Rege.—A. P.

Bombay Hockey League

The R. I. N. proved soft meat to the B. B & C. I. "A" in Monday's first division fixture of the Bombay Hockey League the Navy going down by 7 love. The loser's forwards functioned well in midfield, but lack of finish within the circle deprived them of narrowing down the margin, while yet again their defence played much below their usual form, giving Yusuf, Kishen and Woodcock to do much as they pleased.

In an earlier game, City Police "B" beat V. J. T. Institute by 2 love.

TUESDAY'S GAMES.

Lusitanians "B" vs. Bombay Port Trust—4-20 p.m.
B. E. S. T. vs. "Times of India" "A"—5-30 p.m.

Nations' League Of Pen-Friends

"On Saturday last the Nations League Of Pen-friends and Young Folks Brotherhood held an All-India Workers' Meeting, Ahmedabad, Bombay, Delhi, Karachi and Surat Branches were represented. Mr. S. U. Shukla of the Board Of Advisers presided.

Activities for 1943 were discussed in detail. Mr. Shukla, in a short speech emphasised that the N. L. P. should get in touch with organisations working for similar ideals to afford a common platform for discussion. Mr Chandrakant P. Kapadia, the Honorary General Secretary designate for 1943 was congratulated. There was a musical entertainment, vocal and instrumental, in which various amateur artists took part."

MULLAPHIROZE WINS 10-MILE CYCLE RACE

The Secretary, the Kanara Athletic Club, writes:—

The Open Cycling Events—10 miles for the seniors and 5 miles for novices—organised by the Kanara Athletic Club, were concluded successfully on December 27. Long before the starting of the races there was quite a crowd of cycling enthusiasts gathered at the Mahim Bridge to watch the Bombay Champion and budding cyclists in action. There was a good number of competitors in both the races.

The start for the seniors was given exactly at 8-15 a.m. Mistri and Amin shot forward from the bunch and set a fast pace. Mullapheroze, Kanga and Irani paddling neck to neck with them. Just about 200 yards away from the Finish, Mullapheroze took an eagle-sweep and finished first, covering the distance in 33 m. 14 4/5 seconds, followed closely by J. F. Amin 2nd and J. P. Kanga 3rd.

It is not known as to why Havewalla though he was present there, did not compete. In the race for the Novices, Boman Mody finished first, N. J. Daruvala 2nd and M. N. Lakdawalla 3rd. The time taken was 20 m. 28 2/5 seconds.

Hammond's Sporting Offer Helps Opponents Win

JOHANNESBURG, Dec. 28.

In a cricket match played on Wanderers ground yesterday in aid of the war funds an R.A.F. eleven captained by Squadron-Leader Walter Hammond of Gloucestershire, England lost by five wickets in the last over to the Rest of South Africa, following a sporting declaration by Hammond.

R.A.F. made 172 and the Rest of South Africa 323 in the first innings.

Reaching 266 for seven in the second innings Squadron-Leader Hammond declared the R.A.F. innings closed, leaving the Rest of South Africa 65 minutes to score 116 runs, which they accomplished.—Reuter.

TO-DAY ON RADIO

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 29.

Delhi I—Programme

338.6 metres (886 kc/s)

5 p.m. Bhajans. 5-15 Mushtaribai. 5-25 Chand Khan. 5-45 Mohammad Husain. 5-55 Gauhar Sultan. 6-5 Ramanand Sharma. 6-45 Gauhar Sultan. 6-55 Clarionet recital. 7 Nai Kahani. 7-15 Chand Khan. 7-30 Recent and readable. 7-45 For villagers only. 8-30 Mohammad Husain. 8-45 Delhi Radio Orchestra. 8-55 Jawabi Hamla. 9-30 B B C News. 9-45 Ghazlen aur geet. 10 Ramanand Sharma. 10-10 Mushtaribai. 10-20 Mohd. Husain. 10-30 Gauhar Sultan. 10-45 Chand Khan.

Bombay I—Programme

244 metres (1,231 kc/s)

8 a.m. Saranji recital. 8-5 News in Hindustani. 8-15 News in English. 8-30 Sawai Gandharv. 8-50 News in Marathi. 9 News in Gujarati. 9-10 Dhun on Dilruba. 9-15 Amirbai Karnataki. 9-35 Bhavgeeta. 9-45 Vimal Patki. 12-30 p.m. Sindhi songs. 12-45 News in Marathi. 12-50 News in Gujarati. 12-55 News in Hindustani. 1 Marathi songs. 1-30 News in English. 1-40 Lunch-hour music. 5 To-morrow. 5-5 Ramkumar Vyas. 5-15 V. M. Hindalekar. 5-35 Mohammad Khan. 5-55 Local news and announcements. 6 Children's half-hour. 6-30 News in English. 6-40 News in Hindustani. 6-45 News commentary. 6-50 Vimal Patki. 7 "Disruption Activities," a talk in Marathi by V. P. Chitale. 6-15 V. M. Hindalekar. 7-25 Amirbai Karnataki. 7-45 News in Marathi. 7-55 News in Gujarati. 8-5 Drut Khayal. 8-15 Light selections. 8-30 This thing called music—6. 8-45 Radio Reconnaissance. 9 News in Hindustani. 9-20 News in English. 9-30 B B C News relay. 9-40 Emmi Drazdik Marcus. 10 Victorine Mich de Souza. 10-15 John Steeves. 10-25 Interlude. 10-35 Harry Potter.

Bombay II—Programme

49.3 metres (6,085 kc/s)

8 to 8-5 a.m. As in Bombay 1. 8-5 Gujarati duets. 8-15 to 8-50 As in Bombay 1. 8-50 Mohammad Khan. 9 Musical interlude. 9-10 to 10 As in Bombay 1.

41.44 metres (7,240 kc/s)

12-30 to 2-30 p.m. As in Bombay 1.

49.3 metres (6,085 kc/s)

5 to 7-15 As in Bombay 1. 7-15 Interval.

89.15 metres (3,365 kc/s)

7-30 Commercial news. 7-45 Sawai Gandharv. 8-5 to 9-5 As in Bombay 1. 9 V. M. Hindalekar. 9-10 Vimal Patki. 9-30 Mohammad Khan. 9-50 Amirbai Karnataki. 10-10 Sawai Gandharv. 10-20 to 10-45 As in Bombay 1.

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NATIONAL EDUCATION

Dr. M. R. Jayakar's presidential address at the All-India Educational Conference at Indore is a lucid exposition of the aims of national education and an earnest plea for its rapid expansion in spite of war conditions. In a country where only ten per cent. of the population are literate in spite of a century and a half of British rule, the system of education which has been responsible for such a state of things cannot be said to make even an approach to true national education. Nor is one surprised at the way Government have curtailed educational facilities in the name of war, though Dr. Jayakar rightly deplores this misplaced economy and retrenchment. He points out how in China generous grants have been and are being voted for education in spite of terrible war conditions during the last seven years and how in England attempts are being made "to enlarge the basis of education, especially in the Universities so as to afford its benefits to people who, owing to its expensive character, have been hitherto unable to participate in its benefits."

Need For Planning

What has been possible in countries like China and Britain is not possible in India at present for the simple reason that India is not free and she will not have a really national education until and unless she is free. All that can be done now is for Indian educationists to plan out a system of national education to be inaugurated at the earliest possible date. Some of the important features of national education have been duly emphasised by Dr. Jayakar in broad general terms. They are, first, that national education should be based on the conditions and needs of the entire nation and not merely its privileged classes that it should be controlled by the people and that it should aim at unity and peace. It will not be inappropriate to define national education as the education of the people by the people for the people. These features can hardly be said to be prominent in the present system of education.

Shah Committee's Report

However, various non-official attempts at reforming the present system so as to subserve the needs of the nation have been made during the past few decades, particularly since the Non-Co-operation Movement of 1921. Lack of political power in the hands of the people has retarded the progress of the movement. The most notable fruit of the movement is the Basic system of education, also called the Wardha system. The progress of this system, too, has been impeded by the circumstances which led to the resignation of the Congress Ministries, which initiated it. But it will not be long before India will be free and it should then be possible to make amends for the neglect of national education during all these years. A sound plan of national education in all its stages has been commended by the Educational Reform Committee appointed by the Congress Government of Bihar under the Chairmanship of Mr. K. T. Shah. Educational Conferences will do well to consider the report of this Committee and suggest improvements therein in the light of the experience of the working of various educational experiments that are being made in India and abroad.

General Tojo's Speech

In a recent speech at Tokio Japan's Prime Minister General Tojo is reported to have said that indications are that "the real war is starting from now." This is a feeling with which the other side would agree more fully than General Tojo himself. For Japan the war really began with the raid on Pearl Harbour and it continued through the victories of the Dutch East Indies, Malaya, Singapore, the Philippines, Burma and the islands north of Australia. That was followed by a period which was marked by American and British defensive successes on sea and in the air and later by the first counter-blow at Japan on land—the recapture of Guadalcanar. Since then the struggle has been slowly entering into the third period, the period of Allied counter-offensive. This period is only in its beginning and a modest beginning, too. But it has already brought some significant successes on land, has nearly crippled Japan's navy and merchant fleet and has struck painfully heavy blows at Japan's air power, her weakest arm.

General Tojo himself practically confesses the position when he speaks of the difficulties in the south-west Pacific and of day and night Anglo-American air-raids on Burma against which, incidentally, he has nothing more effectively retaliatory to show than half a dozen night tip-and-run raids with a half a dozen planes on Calcutta, Chittagong and Feni. Nor is that all. While Japan is steadily weakening, the Allies are rapidly growing stronger and stronger. The indications, as General Tojo says, are certainly there that "the real war is starting from now" because the Allies are now in a position to strike and have, in fact, already begun to do so. But if, as he evidently meant to, General Tojo is preparing his people for a "real war", what is he going to do about it beyond putting up a defensive struggle against the Allies? Has he also any aggressive plans as a counter to or a diversion against the moves and successes of the United Nations?

Quinine Scandal

The gravity of the situation in regard to quinine created by the lack of foresight on the part of the medical and health departments of the Central and Provincial Governments is exercising the minds of both the public and the medical profession to a degree which does not seem to be fully realised by the authorities. The recent announcement of the Government of Bombay that not more than two ounces of quinine per month will be doled out to the members of the medical profession who ask for it, has come as a shock not only to the latter but also to the public at large, who are unable to secure even a few grains of the drug for personal use except at fancy prices from the profiteers. Millions annually suffer from malaria in this country and lack of the drug will spell disaster, the extent of which cannot be foreseen. The commandeering by Government of the major portion of all available quantities of the drug for army purposes, imposes on them the responsibility of exercising the most rigorous scrutiny of the exact needs of the army and releasing every ounce of the drug that can be safely spared for the use of the public. The public are not sure that such scrupulous scrutiny is being made on the equally imperative humanitarian grounds of rescuing millions of civilians from the jaws of death through malarial epidemics. At the same time the nefarious profiteering that is going on in the black market must be put down with a firm hand by Government and the supplies which are being held back must be made available to the medical profession and the public, as suggested by the Bombay Medical Association. The import from America of quinine-substitutes like prepared atebrine and of raw materials for its local manufacture at the Haffkine Institute must be expedited as speedily as possible, even if special aeroplanes have to be chartered for the purpose. In Bombay City in particular, the large working class population stands badly in need of increased supplies of quinine if it is not to fall victim to the ravages of malaria and it is to be hoped the Government are fully alive to the seriousness of the position.

Frankly Speaking

Red Army's Successes

It is a striking tribute to the resources, preparations and fighting qualities of the Red Army that turning suddenly from a position which was apparently of grave danger it launched, one after another, four major counter-offensives. All these have been making progress so that the Germans themselves have now been forced to admit that they are everywhere not only on the defensive but also being pushed back dangerously. The Middle-Don offensive, however, remains the most important. Advancing at the average rate of some 15 miles a day and capturing thousands of prisoners, to say nothing of immense booty the Russians have surrounded Millerovoo and driving south-west are reported now to be within a hundred miles of Rostov

Grave Threat

The growing threat to Rostov is a threat to Herr Hitler's entire force in the southern front from Stalingrad to the Central Caucasus. He has got to make every effort to save Rostov by every means But how? The four Russian offensives have tied down his armies and reserves on his Eastern front There he has few divisions available for switching on from one sector to another. And Rostov will need a good number of them He must therefore bring reinforcements from the Balkans and Western Europe. That means virtually cancelling whatever plans he may have been contemplating for an offensive diversion against the British and the Americans.

Tunisian Lull

General Eisenhower's latest communique reports no change on land in Tunisia. This incidentally shows the unreliability of the Algiers Radio report that the Allies were within twelve miles of Tunis. It is to be hoped that General Giraud and General Eisenhower will do something to curb a tendency to indulge in wishful thinking and exaggerations which by no means help the Allied cause. But the lull is being taken advantage of to prepare for the next bout which, thanks particularly to the good work being done by Allied aircraft and submarines, ought to go in favour of the Allies. Meanwhile it is very gratifying to learn that the French, who are holding the important southern sector, have received reinforcements and equipment. So strengthened and inspired by the appointment of General Giraud to the supreme post in North Africa they should give a good account of themselves in their efforts to keep Rommel and Nehring apart.

Export Of Tea

Last week Mr. A. McIntosh, challenging the correctness of our observation that the present shortage in foodstuffs in the country might well be the result of their unrestricted export to foreign countries, quoted statistics of the value of exports of grain, pulse and flour as well as of tea for the six months April to September 1942 and compared them with those of the same period in the previous year, to show that there had been a reduction in the reports of these commodities. But, as we remarked, wartime values cannot be taken as a safe index of the quantities of export. We referred in this connection to the British Food Ministry's plans to take over the whole of the "exportable output" of Indian and Ceylon teas and distribute it among the Empire countries as well as other members of the United Nations. We have the authority of the "Manchester Guardian" for the statement that the Food Ministry expects to buy about 700,000,000 lbs. of tea from both India and Ceylon in a full year. With reference to this huge total of tea supplies to be requisitioned from the two countries it is pertinent to ask whether it represents really the "exportable output" or is far in excess of the same.

Will Government Enlighten?

We are constrained to put this question because, according to the figures of world production of tea recently issued by the International Tea Market Expansion Board, London, India's annual average production between 1934 and 1938 totalled 332,000,000 lbs. and Ceylon's average total production between the same years amounted to 220,000,000 lbs. Together, thus, these two countries produce on an average 552,000,000 lbs. annually. But, we saw above that the British Food Ministry expects to receive from India and Ceylon in the course of the year about 700,000,000 lbs.—that is to say, nearly one and a half times the total annual outputs of the two countries taken together. How are India and Ceylon going to supply such a huge total unless they both part not only with the major portion of their current output but also with their past stocks, if any? Will the Commerce Member or any other spokesman of the Government of India explain how the Government propose to satisfy the demands of the British Food Ministry if not by depleting this country of its tea stocks and leaving the people of this country to shift for themselves as they may as regards their requirements of tea? If Mr. McIntosh can throw any useful light on the subject and help to dispel public apprehensions regarding the "deal" which the Government of India have entered into with the British Food Ministry, the public would be only too thankful to him. It is up to the Government of India to demonstrate clearly that the present shortage of tea and the consequent high prices are not the direct outcome of their unrestricted exports of tea in utter disregard of the interests of the Indian consumers.

Behind The Blackout

By Devere And Marie Allen

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PATIENCE. Nothing. Not even shortsighted British leadership should cause Americans at this juncture to lose faith in their British cousins. But one may regret that so many of them make it easy for people who really know England are not likely to forget the instinctive kindness, the honesty, the courage, and thoughtful tradition to the contrary notwithstanding, the keen sense of humor possessed by most of the British. But alas, just as a scarlet thread runs through British Navy rope, so a streak of imperialism runs through most British thinking. This will not wholly explain the Indian tragedy but it is at the bottom of it. And tragedy it is, for an India with freedom granted by an imaginative and understanding British Government could survive shocks it may not be able to withstand after an exhausting, even if a victorious, struggle for freedom.

LOSS. Few Americans knew Gandhi's first secretary, Mahadev Desai, but our personal acquaintance with him dates back 11 years and was based on correspondence even before Gandhi leaned on him and will keenly feel his loss by a heart attack under detention. Desai had genuine intellectual force, an incisive mind which his geniality sometimes masked. Significantly the last words he spoke to us were: "I will probably be in prison soon." That was long ago when he was planning to return from London to India and anticipated new repressions. Virtually unknown is his volume, "The Story of Bardoli," published only a little in the U.S.A. It is perhaps the most detailed and most convincing report extant covering a successful widespread popular reliance on non-violence.

NOT TOO LATE. Even now it may not be too late. British statesmanship, alas, appears on this issue completely bankrupt. Strong representations from Washington and from others of the United Nations may yet win the support of Britons who, like much of the Eastern world, resent the ineptitude of their present imperialists. Must we lose the entire East, gradually, because bungling plays into the hands of a voracious Japanese military clique?

SLAMS AND PRAISE. Radio analysts like Upton Close, who know the East, and Caesar Saerchinger, who know history, have been intelligent. But even most of those usually balanced have been disgraceful on the Indian question. They have accepted faked news, spewed venom against India, distorted facts, and performed like ill-tempered ignoramuses. Few however were worse than Mr L. S. Amery, Secretary of State for India, whose broadcast from London after the arrest of Congress leaders was an insult to the intelligence of his listeners. It was smug, arrogant, childish. Amery is the man who in 1933, openly justified Japan's gobbling of Manchuria!

HOPELESS? The situation may not yet be hopeless, but certain of the spokesmen for imperialism are. For oblivion we nominate Lord Londonderry, who says: "There is only one "Herrenvolk", in spite of Germany's claims We are the "Herrenvolk." The Almighty put us outside Europe so that we could rule better." And Mr Duff Cooper, who declares "I am not at all sure that we are not the greatest people there has ever been on earth." Possibly Duff Cooper may be right; but hereafter, please sir, won't you let us say it for you?

Railway Station Set On Fire

POLICE SUSPECT CONSPIRACY FOR ARSON IN AHMEDABAD MILLS

AHMEDABAD, Dec. 28.

Matoda, a flag station on the Ahmedabad-Dholka Railway line, has been set on fire by some unknown persons. The booking office and some records have been gutted. The police authorities are making inquiries.

One Congress worker has been arrested in the village Kuha under the Defence of India Rules.

Early morning yesterday, a small fire broke out again in the pressing department of the Sarangpur Cotton Mills. The fire was brought under control after battling with the flames for three hours. This is the second fire in the same mill within twelve hours. The damage caused by these two successive fires in this mill is estimated at about Rs. 6,00,000.

The police authorities have registered cases of arson in all the three mills and they believe that there is a conspiracy to set fire to these mills. The police are investigating.—United Press.

Seventy Red Shirts Released

PESHAWAR, Dec. 28.

About 70 Red Shirts from among those undergoing imprisonment in the Dera Ismailkhan Jail have been released, it is reported. Five Red Shirts who came towards the Sessions Courts in Peshawar on December 23, were arrested.

Khan Ali Gul Khan, President of the Frontier Provincial Congress Committee left for Lahore last night. He will stay there till January 1, 1943.—A. P.

M. L. A.'s SENTENCE REDUCED IN APPEAL

GORAKHPUR, Dec. 28.

Mr. V. Bhargava, Special Judge of Gorakhpur has reduced the sentence of three years' R. I. to one year R. I. passed by Khan Saheb Z. A. Anzari, Special Magistrate, Gorakhpur, under Rule 26 of the D. I. R. on Mr. Shibban Lal Saksena, M. L. A., for having entered the district about the 17th of August last in defiance of an order served on him by the U. P. Government.

The Magistrate observed: "The mere fact that acts of sabotage, arson and dacoity were going on while the accused was here does not lead to the inference that the accused was also encouraging those acts. Consequently in giving sentence to the accused the only circumstance that would be taken into account is that he deliberately committed breach of an order that was validly served on him by the Provincial Government. The allegation that he came to encourage acts of violence and sabotage should not be taken into account. In such a case I consider that the sentence of three years' rigorous imprisonment is decidedly heavy and a sentence of one year's rigorous imprisonment would be quite sufficient."

LETTERS BURNT

SURAT: Some combustible substance was thrown at the post-box of the Abrama village in Jalalpore Taluka as a result of which some letters were burnt.

Mr. Ramanlal Devchand of the village of Tokal in Chikhali Taluka has been sentenced to four months' rigorous imprisonment or in default to pay a fine of Rs. 150 under D. I. R. for leading an unauthorised procession.

SUB-REGISTRAR'S OFFICE SET ON FIRE

MADRAS: According to a report received here from Calicut, the Sub-Registrar's Office at Naduvannur village was set on fire as a result of which a portion of the records was burnt.

A message from Bhimavaram says that some records in the local Munsif's Court were burnt in the court premises. The fire was noticed by some people who came to the court and was put out before spreading further.

CLERK IN TROUBLE

KHULNA: In connection with the fire in the Collector's English Office, a clerk of the collectorate has been put under arrest on suspicion. He has been remanded to custody pending further investigation into the matter.

JAILED M. L. A.S' HOUSES RAIDED

NOWGONG: The police carried out a search of eight houses in the town of Nowgong, including the houses of three Congress members of the Legislative Assembly, who are in jail. Some papers have been seized and two young men have been taken into custody.

LUCKNOW: A collective fine of Rs. 6,200 on the inhabitants of two villages in Muttra District and another of Rs. 3,500 on the inhabitants of village Satha in Aligarh District have been imposed by the Commissioner of the Agra Division.

VILLAGE RECORDS BURNT

BELGAUM: The records in the custody of Kulkarnis of Chikkadinnikop, Kodachawad, Kagganagi and Chikkamanoli in Khanapur Taluka are reported to have been burnt by unknown persons. The village records of Benakanamardi, Giriyal and Sankakopp in Belgaum Taluka have also been burnt.

EXPLOSION IN LABORATORY

Report of an explosion in the laboratory of the English School at Navalgund in Dharwar District has also been received. Ten persons were sentenced to 21 months' rigorous imprisonment for acts of sabotage.

40 ARRESTED FOR LOOTING

SFRAJGUNJ: Forty arrests have been made in connection with the looting of the Telgachi 'Hat' (market) on December 20 last by a mob. The police are reported to have recovered a portion of the booty.

AHMEDABAD CURFEW EXTENDED

AHMEDABAD: Curfew has been extended by a further period of one week in the areas in which it is in force.

2 INMATES OF ARTHUR ROAD PRISON DIE

Sitaram Gajaram a convict, and prisoner in the Arthur Road Jail admitted on the 15th December, was found suffering from Diarrhoea and bronchitis. He was sent to J. J. Hospital where he died after a few days.

At the inquest held at the Coroner's Court it was recorded that the death was due to C-terminal pneumonia and general debility.

Nandji Pandurang a convict in the Arthur Road Jail, admitted on November 16 was found suffering from Pthisis.

He was removed to the Maratha Hospital where he died soon after the admission.

It was recorded that the death was due to Pthisis (Natural cause) at the inquest held at the Coroner's Court.

12 Accused Discharged

BOMBAY, Monday.

Twelve persons who were arrested under the Defence of India Rules and were put up before Mr. I. S. Haji Presidency Magistrate, Mazagaon Court were discharged to-day.

B.S.D SCHOOL BOARD SUPERSEDED

The Bombay Suburban District School Board has been superseded for six months by the Government of Bombay.

The Government is satisfied that the Board had not been carrying on its normal work for the last two months and that it did not intend to perform properly the duties imposed on it.

During the Board's supersession its duties will be performed by a Committee of Management comprising Miss R. Reuben, Mr. Paul A. Pereira, Mr. B. D. Thakur, Mr. M. B. Rehman (Principal, Ismail Yusuf College, Andheri), Mr. S. K. Chandorkar, Mr. R. S. Balsara and Professor J. F. R. D'Almeida.

Disease In Belgaum Jail Abated

Information received by the Government of Bombay shows that the outbreak of disease in the Belgaum Central Prison has now very largely abated. Up to December 25 the total number of fatal cases was 21, including three of the Jail staff. Since then only one more fatal case has been reported.

Ban On Night Burial Of Dead Bodies

CALCUTTA, Dec. 28.

The burial of dead bodies at the different burial grounds in Calcutta between the hours of 4 p.m. and 4 a.m. has been prohibited by the Chief Executive Officer of the Calcutta Corporation.

This is due to the fact that there is difficulty in getting any sort of light in the burial grounds after dusk and difficulty in making arrangements at the different burial grounds for the digging of graves at night for the disposal of dead bodies.

It will be recalled that the lighting of funeral pyres between the same hours has been prohibited by an order issued earlier. —A. P.

Mr. Ara's Self-Taught Art

Mr. K. M. Ara has, in his one-man show of paintings which was declared open last evening at the Bombay Art Society's Salon, Rampart Row, Fort, presented interesting material which is the product of his undivided labours and which justifies his claim on art as a career for which he is evidently designed. Just over sixty paintings in oil and water colours which are on view reflect the individuality and vitality of Mr. Ara's art and the keen colour-sense with which he is gifted. Moreover, they convey an impression to the visitor that the artist is unorthodox and progressive in his outlook and has developed a forceful style.

Mr. Ara presents delightful impressions of busy thoroughfares, depicts refreshing river-scenes and endeavours successfully to unveil the beauty of the country side in a series of colourful landscapes. But in his experiments with the traditions and trends of European art he has not lost sight of the traditions of Indian painting. Some of his Indian paintings, which are noteworthy for the delicacy and clarity of delineation, do not fail to indicate that Mr. Ara paints in the Indian style with equal facility. This is the first and successful attempt of Mr. Ara to present his art to the public in an exclusive show—and deserves encouragement by the art-loving public of Bombay.

D. G. V.

TETE-A-TETE

WITHOUT COMMENT-

The Conference expressed its determination that so long as the war with the Axis powers continued, the Radical Democratic Party would pursue the policy of helping in its prosecution in every possible way.

But as soon as any effort was made to foist a Fascist regime on India by handing over the power to the spokesmen of reactionary vested interests, the Radical Democratic Party would call upon the Indian people to rise in revolt against any attempt to perpetuate their slavery on pretext of national independence.

—Lucknow Message.

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In an appeal to Their Highnesses, Sir Jogendra Singh urges: "It is not beyond the powers of Princes and representatives of people to bring a federal constitution into action."

A great many things are within the power of representatives of the people; hence it is denied to them

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We understand that Sir Frederick Puckle, Secretary, Information and Broadcasting Department, is shortly to visit England.

Evidently what is being done—or rather undone?— by the Department in India is not regarded as satisfactorily adequate.

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An Anglo-Indian contemporary has just discovered that "the food situation throughout the country and specially in such deficit provinces as Bombay demands the earnest and urgent attention of the Central authorities."

But why bother at all, brother?

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According to the Jap Premier General Tojo "the real war is starting from now."

Here at least General Tojo and his "enemies" are on common ground of agreement.

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General Tojo has also reported to his people that in Burma British and U. S. air forces are attempting almost daily raids from Yunnan and Eastern India.

The gallant General shouldn't have come to Burma.

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RAW MATERIALS FOR UNITED NATIONS
Supplies From French North Africa

—Headlines.

We must most strongly protest. What then is India for? Where, we demand to know, are Mr. Amery, Lord Linlithgow and the Government of India and what are they doing?

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Paying a tribute to Admiral Darlan, General Eisenhower says: "He was absolutely square in everything he did."

Yes, but wasn't he a sort of square peg in a round hole?

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The London correspondent of the "Times of India" graciously says: "I am grateful for the striking Russian victories and the African advance."

The Russians must offer profound and humble thanks to him for being honoured by this condescending appreciation.

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The young man had long outstayed his welcome but yawns and veiled hints had had no effect.

"As a matter of fact", he boasted, "I'm rather good at imitations. I can imitate any bird you like to name.'

"Can you now?" said the girl sweetly. "Then how about the homing pigeon?"

"Lumley's Successor"

To The Editor of "The Chronicle"

Sir,—With his usual flamboyant irresponsibility Mr. D. F. Karaka sets out in your issue of 26th inst. under the title "Lumley's Successor" to defame the new Governor on the weakness of what he appears to suggest are suggestions made to him by a Scotsman from Lanarkshire on whose information he admits he cannot rely!

As a personal friend of John Colville's of over 20 years' standing and as a Scotsman from Lanarkshire myself, I would like to meet Mr. Karaka's Scotsman when he has recovered from the affront put upon him by his publicist.

May be I could convince him—and Mr. Karaka that their picture of the new Governor plotting the downfall of his country with the local Duke and John Simon when he wasn't busy grinding the faces of the poor steelworkers would afford John Colville considerable amusement.

Before he had time to be any of the things Mr. Karaka fears, he was fighting at Festubert in 1915 as a very junior officer in a Scottish Territorial Infantry unit which fought its way into and out of some pretty tough spots while Mr. Karaka wasn't paying as much attention to these things as he does now.

I hope you, Mr. Editor, will give this as much publicity as you gave Mr. Karaka and if that gentleman would like to make amends to Colonel Colville, I will be pleased to give him some facts to replace the suggestions that were suggested to him by that other Scotsman from Lanarkshire.—Yours etc.,

J. W. T. LEITH.

6, Rampart Row
Fort.
December, 28

TRIBUTES TO MEMORY OF SIR SIKANDAR

Condolence Messages From Far And Near

LAHORE, Dec. 28.

Lady Sikandar Hyat Khan and Major Shaukat Hyat Khan have so far received 2,000 messages of condolence and sympathy from different parts of India and abroad. These include messages from H. E. the Viceroy, H. E. the Commander-in-Chief and Lady Wavell, H. E. the Governor of the Punjab and Lady Glancy. H. E. H. the Nizam of Hyderabad, Their Highnesses the Rulers of Gwalior, Kashmir, Bhopal, Jaipur, Bikaner, Patiala, Bhawalpur, Rampur, Kapurthala, Jind, Faridkot, Suket, Kurwai, H. E. the Maharani Sahiba of Nawanagar, Mr. Jinnah, Sir Reginald Maxwell, Sir J. P. Srivastava, Sir Feroz Khan Noon, Mr. M. S. Aney and Sir Chotturam.

Officers and men of various forces and District Commands have made touching references on the sad demise of one "whose valuable help and keen interest in the Forces were an encouragement and inspiration to the Army."

VICEROY'S CONDOLENCE

H. E. the Viceroy in his message to the Governor states: "I have heard with the deepest regret of the death of Sir Sikandar Hyat Khan. I have known him for many years and known full well what immense services he rendered to his Province and India and to the prosecution of the war. He will be keenly missed especially at a juncture like the present. I send my deepest sympathy to his widow and family and to you and the Punjab at the loss of a great statesman and leader."

H. E. H. the Nizam felt it was a personal loss. H. H. the Maharaja of Bikaner, Pro-Chancellor of the Chamber of Princes, describes Sir Sikandar's most untimely demise as a cruel calamity. H. H. the Scindia of Gwalior states: "His death is a great and irreparable loss not only to you but also to India, who by his demise has lost one of her noblest and greatest sons at this very critical juncture in her history."

H. H. the Maharajah of Patiala states that in Sir Sikandar's sudden and lamentable demise the entire country and the Empire have suffered an irreparable loss. It will not be possible to fill the gap that his death has created in the Punjab. He personified the military effort of the 'Sword-Arm Province' of India and his tragic departure at this moment will deeply mourned not only in India but all over the Empire.

H. E. the Governor of the United Provinces has telegraphed H. E. the Governor of the Punjab to convey to his Government and to members of the bereaved family his personal sorrow and the sorrow of the United Provinces at the death of one whom India could ill afford to lose.

NOON CALLS

Among those who called at the residence of the late Premier to offer personal condolences was Sir Feroz Khan Noon, Defence Member, Government of India.—A. P.

General Alexander's Condolence

NEW DELHI, Dec. 28.

"I deeply regret to hear of the death of Sir Sikandar Hyat Khan. On behalf of all the Indian troops under my command, I send the deepest sympathy on the great loss India has sustained", says General Sir Harold Alexander, Commander-in-Chief Middle East in a message to His Excellency the Viceroy.—A. P.

Punjab Govt. Offices Observe Mourning

LAHORE, Dec. 28.

It is announced that all Government offices and courts in Lahore will remain closed to-day and flags will be flying half mast on all Government buildings.

Courts and Government offices in the Districts will remain closed to-morrow.

ALL-PARTIES PAY TRIBUTE

Sardar Santosh Singh, leader of the opposition in the Punjab Assembly, said:—

"The greatest man of the day has passed away. His loss will be mourned not only by the Punjab but the whole of India.

Raizada Hansraj, a Congress member of the Central Assembly said: "Sir Sikandar Hyat Khan accepted the Premiership of the Province with the best of intentions. He was an ardent advocate of communal harmony and joint electorates: If he did not succeed in the mission, the fault was not his. May his soul rest in peace.

Goswami Ganesh Dutt, General Secretary of the Punjab Pritinidhi Sanatan Dharm Sabha, said, "It was the life-long mission to achieve Hindu-Muslim unity and he succeeded in averting Hindu-Muslim riots in the province.

Sir Sikandar's achievements in life form the subject matter of editorials in the morning papers.

The "Tribune" says: Sir Sikandar was barely 50.

In the public life of the Punjab he has left a void that will remain unfilled for many a long day. He was by far the most outstanding Muslim leader of this province; particularly in the Unionist Party he has no real successor.

At this critical stage in India's history the sense of tragedy that attaches to Sir Sikandar's death is doubly poignant.—A. P.

STATESMAN WITH REALISTIC APPROACH

MADRAS, Dec. 28.

Mr. Basheer Ahmed Syed, M.L.A., in a statement on the death of Sir Sikandar Hyat Khan says:—

Sir Sikandar was a statesman with a realistic approach to the problems of India. His practical sense, large wisdom and liberal outlook enabled him to make the Punjab what it is to-day. It will indeed be difficult to fill up the gap his demise has created in Indian leadership".—A. P.

"EMPIRE HAS LOST GREAT STATESMAN"

TRIVANDRUM: Interviewed the Hon. Sir Jogendra Singh said:

"Sir Sikandar gave all his energy to the service of his Province, and never spared himself, throwing himself wholeheartedly into working the new constitution and endeavouring to reconcile his own ideals of unity with the demands of his co-religionists. The Punjab has lost in him one of her ablest and most devoted sons and the Government and the Empire a great statesman "and I have lost an old and tried friend."

Sir T. Vijayaraghavachariar, Prime Minister Mewar State, said:—

"Sir Sikandar commanded the confidence and esteem of Hindus and Muslims alike. He instinctively had the feeling that national life in India required Hindus and Muslims to ignore religious differences and stress the many points of agreement between the two communities."

"If he had lived I have very little doubt that he would have been a Governor, perhaps even a Viceroy. His services to the British commonwealth of nations would not have made the office of Viceroy too high to be held by him.

DANGER AHEAD FOR PUNJAB

"It is well-known that instinctively he left that separation movements like Pakistan were disastrous to the country and that it was his personal influence that kept the Punjab from taking up the Pakistan cry. It is dangerous to prophesy but my belief is, now that his guiding hand is removed, Muslims in the Punjab will probably join the movement very vigorously than heretofore.

"LEAVES GAP HARD TO FILL"

NAGPUR: Interviewed Sir Sikandar Hyat Khan's death Mr. M. Y. Sareef, ex-Minister, said:

"By his loss the one Mussalman who would have promoted lasting understanding between Mussalmans and Hindus has been removed and it is not a small loss to the country."

Mr. M. Samiulla Khan, former member of the Central Assembly, said:—

"Sir Sikandar was a nationalist and great factor in cementing the relations between the various communities in the Punjab in particular. His greatest achievement was to bring all parties to a common platform. He leaves a gap which is hard to fill."

Khan Bahadur H. M. Wilayatullah, ex-member of the Central Assembly, said: "Sir Sikandar kept the Punjab free from disturbances, which shows his great hold on the minds of the people of all communities.

ASSAM PREMIER'S TRIBUTE

SHILLONG: Interviewed on Sir Sikandar Hyat Khan's death Sir Muhammad Saadulla, Premier of Assam and President of the Assam Provincial Muslim League, said:—

"In Sir Sikandar Hyat Khan India has lost a true patriot and a statesman of a high order, the British Government a steadfast ally and the Punjab her natural leader. Every one in India is aware of his earnest endeavours for bringing in communal unity not only in the Punjab but throughout India. His pact with the Sikh leader, Sardar Baldeo Singh, whom he took in his cabinet was but an earnest of things to come. His unexpected and sudden death at this difficult time is nothing short of a national calamity."

"GENTLEMAN TO FINGERTIPS"

SHILLONG: Mr. Abdul Matin Chaudhuri, Finance Minister and the member of the All-India Muslim League Working Committee says:—"Suave, courteous and gentleman to his fingertips Sir Sikandar had a charming personality. Deeply conscious of his duty to his community he voluntarily placed himself and his Muslim followers in the Punjab Legislatures under the mandate of the All-India Muslim League and has since been a tower of strength to the League."

Hindu Leader's Unstinted Tribute

CALCUTTA: Mr. B. C. Chaterjee the Hindu leader, condoling the death of Sir Sikandar Hyat Khan, says:

"One of the outstanding nationalists of India is gone, and at a moment when his motherland needed him badly. A patriot, soldier, administrator and statesman—where have we in our country now the like of him?

His courageous and big hearted affirmation that there was no room in his country for Hindustan, Pakistan or Sikhistan, has been unceasingly in the ears of every nationalist, and let us pray that the political testament he has left us may yet serve to awaken in us, Hindus and Moslems, the sense of our common and indissoluble sonship of Mother India."

CUTTACK: P. Nilakanth Das, says:—"When both the Congress and the Muslim League were negotiating, protesting and threatening, it was Sir Sikandar Hyat Khan who, like very few in India, was acquitting himself as a practical politician with vision. He was always willing and out to face the realities of the situation and in his heart of hearts believed in non-communal Indian nationalism."

"GREAT IMPERIAL FIGURE", SAYS RAMPUR

RAMPUR: H. H. the Nawab of Rampur said: "The death of Sir Sikandar Hyat Khan is a sad blow to Muslims, to the Punjab, to India and to the Empire as a whole Sir Sikandar was a great imperial figure of whom his countrymen could well be proud."

BIHAR EX-PREMIER'S TRIBUTE

PATNA, Dec. 28.

Mr. Muhammad Yunus, ex-Premier of Bihar, in a statement on the death of Sir Sikandar Hyat Khan says: "Sir Sikandar passed away when the country needed him most. In his death not only the Muslim community and the Punjab but all communities and the whole of India has suffered an irreparable loss. He possessed versatile genius and made his mark as a soldier politician, statesman and administrator. His genial temparament, affable manners, refined courtesy, kindness and tact had endeared him to all. His sudden death has stunned the whole country.—A. P.

SIR PURUSHOTAMDAS' TRIBUTE

SURAT: "There can be no doubt that Sir Sikandar Hyat Khan's sudden death must have been a shock practically to everybody in India" said Sir Purushotamdas Thakurdas. He added "that he would have played a very useful part in bringing some order out of the present chaos in our internal politics is what several of his friends must have looked forward to with great hope. The best wish I can extend to the Punjab is that she will have a successor who will keep up the traditions so well left behind by the late Sir Sikandar Hyat Khan."

LATEST COMMERCIAL

COTTON

MARCH.
New York, Dec. 28.

Previous closing	19.05
To-day's opening	19.07
Difference	+02

CROSS RATES

T T. NEW YORK ON LONDON
New York, Dec. 28.

Previous closing	4.03 3/4
To-day's opening	not received

T T LONDON ON NEW YORK
London, Dec. 28.

Previous closing 4.02 1/2 sellers: 4.03 1/2 buyers
To-day's opening 4.02 1/2 sellers: 4.03 1/2 buyers
To-day's closing 4.02 1/2 sellers: 4.03 1/2 buyers.

LONDON COMMODITIES

SEEDS
London, Dec. 28.

Castorseeds Bombay December/January (£29 quoted) unquoted.
Linseed Calcutta December/January (£26 quoted) £26 quoted
Linseed La Plata December/January unquoted
Groundnut Coromandal December/January East Coast Indian shipment (£27 1/2) £27 1/2 quoted. West Coast Indian shipment (£30 quoted) £30 quoted.

LONDON METALS
London, Dec. 28.

Electric Copper (£62) £62
Lead (£25) £25
Glasgow Iron No. 3 (131 sh.) 131 sh.

LONDON BULLION

LONDON GOLD
London, Dec. 28.

London Gold (£8-8-0) £8-8-0

LONDON SILVER
London, Dec. 28.

Spot (23 1/2) 23 1/2d
Forward (23 1/2d) 23 1/2d

CROSS RATES
London, Dec. 28.

London on Bombay (1-5 1/32 sellers 1-5 31/32 buyers) 1-5 1/32 sellers 1-5 31/32 buyers.
New York on Bombay (30.36) 30.36

DISCOUNTS
3 months (1 1/32 to 1 1/16 per cent) 1 1/32 to 1 1/16 per cent.
4 months (1 1/16 to 1 1/4 per cent) 1 1/16 to 1 1/4 per cent.
6 months (1 1/16 to 1 1/8 per cent) 1 1/16 to 1 1/8 per cent.

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE

London, Dec. 28.

The London Stock Exchange was quietly firm to-day

AUSTRALIAN LOAN

5 per cent Commonwealth £101 1/2

BRITISH FUNDS

2 1/2 per cent British Consols £82 1/4
3 per cent Conversion Loan £106 5/8
3 per cent Conversion Loan £100 1/2
4 per cent War Loan £113 1/2
3 1/2 per cent War Loan £105
3 per cent War Loan £102 1/4
4 per cent Victory Bonds £114 1/16

INDUSTRIALS

Standard Motors 23-6
Marks and Spencer Ordinary 46-3
Electric Music Industry 20-3
Princhin Johnson 31-0
Imperial Chemical 36-7 1/2
Woolsworth Ordinary 59-3
San Paulo 7 per cent Coffee Rate £79 1/4
Dunlop Rubber 35-7 1/2
Unilever Ordinary 33-4 1/2
Ford Motors 31-6
Cables and Wireless New Ordinary £75 1/2
British American Tobacco Ordy £4 31/32
Carreras 'A' £5 7/8
Imperial Tobacco Ordinary £7 3/16
P and O Defd 31-9
Distillers 84-6
Bredford Dyers 14-7 1/2
British Celanese 15-10 1/2
J and P Coates 41-3
Courtauids Ordinary 45-1 1/2
Fine Cotton Spinners 15-0
Vickers Limited Ordinary 18
Inter Nickels 45 1/8
Indian Iron 50-0

TEA SHARES

Assam 21-6
Donaro Tea 35-0
Rubber Plant 22-0

JUTE

Barnagore £5

RUBBER SHARES

Anglo-Dutch 13-9
Gula Kelampong 9-0
Rubber Plant 17-9

MINING SHARES

Nandydrug 20-0
Burma Corporation 5-10 1/2
Rio Tintos £10
East Rand Properties £1 7/8 X Div.
Rand Mines £6 7/8 X Div

MINE SHARES

Crown £8 1/2 X Div
Associated Portland Cement 54-4 1/2
Trinidad Leasehold 75-0
Sub-Nigel £5 3/4 X Div
Spring Mines Split Shares £0 7/8 X Div
Union Corporation 145-0

OIL SHARES

Venezuela Persian 34-4 1/2
Anglo-India 78-4 1/2
Burma Oil £2 29/32
Mexican Eagle 10-10 1/2
Shell Transport £3 5-16
Royal Dutch £26

RAILWAY SHARES

Great Western Ordinary £57
London Midland Ordinary £27 3/4
London North Eastern Defd £4 3/8
London Southern Defd £22 3/4
London Transport 5 per cent £128
London Transport 'C' £54 3/4

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

New York, Dec. 28.

General Motors (dol 44) dol 44 1/8
Anaconda Copper Mining (dol 24 5/8) dol 24 1/4
United States Steel Common (dol 48) dol 47 7/8
United States Steel Preference (unquoted) dol 110

SEEDS MARKET

Bombay, Dec. 28.

The local seeds market was fairly steady with a moderate demand. Groundnuts May opened at Rs. 79/8 and after declining to Rs. 78/4 improved to Rs. 79/8. Castorseeds May were done at Rs. 80/12. Linseed May was steady at Rs. 10/1 with buyers.

Groundnuts And Seeds

Bombay, Dec. 28.

Groundnuts May—		
Opening	Rs.	79 8 0
Highest		81 4 0
Lowest		78 6 0
Closing		80 9 0
Castorseeds May—		
Opening		80 8 0
Highest		81 8 0
Lowest		80 4 0
Closing		81 8 0

LONDON, Dec. 28.—Sir Reginald Blomfield, the architect who designed the Lenin Memorial Gate died to-day a few days after his 86th birthday.—Reuter.

NEW YORK COTTON MARKET

Bombay, Dec. 28

On Saturday, the New York cotton market advanced on light trade, small mill price-fixing and commission house and New Orleans buying which absorbed hedging and scale up profit-taking.

At the opening March was quoted one point up at 19.00 which was the lowest level for the day. Thereafter there was improved buying and the market closed at a net rise of 5 to 12 points. Spot cotton prices gained 5 points at 20.73c per lb.

The New Orleans cotton futures market was also very steady on improved buying and closed at a rise of 4 to 12 points. Spot cotton prices were raised 7 points at 19.70c. per lb

WEEKLY REVIEW

Cotton touched new high levels for the movement on persistent trade and commission house buying on the belief that the administration would relax restrictions on farm prices next year Reported plans under consideration for the abandonment of the idea of using subsidies to hold down food costs lent additional strength to inflation talk. Spots demand was poor reflecting satisfactory mill stocks Distribution of free cotton this season may reach 12,200,000 bales according to the Cotton Exchange Service compared with 11,381,000 last season and 10,273,000 two seasons ago. Cotton goods quiet with mills unwilling to release goods for civilian needs. Latterly the market eased and minor fractions are expected before the year-end, but long range outlook is bullish.

PRIVATE CABLES:—
New York March highest ..... mutilated.
New York March lowest (10 a.m.) 19.00+01

BOMBAY COTTON

Bombay, Dec. 28

As anticipated cotton prices firmed up partly on technical reasons and statistical outlook. The recent decline was overdone on sentimental issues caused under the influence of Calcutta news. There had been extensive long liquidation and contracts passed into strong hands. The market was expected to open at Rs. 405 for I.C.C. January but the market opened firm at Rs. 418 and after advancing to Rs 419 reacted to Rs. 417. March opened at Rs. 410 and after improving to Rs. 412 reacted to Rs. 410/8. The market was steady at the decline and general feeling is in favour of higher prices. March declined to Rs. 407 but improved on moderate suport and the market finally closed as under:—

I.C.C. January	Rs.	416 0 0
I.C.C. March		407 8 0
I.C.C. May		410 8 0

COTTON PARITY

Indian Cotton Contract January is below New York January 294 cent points at Exchange 331.

HIGH & LOW COTTON PRICES

Bombay, Dec. 24.

I. C. C. January highest 415 lowest 407 closing 410 1/2
I. C. C. March highest 409 lowest 400 1/2 closing 403 1/2
I. C. C. May highest 409 lowest 402 closing 405.

TEJI MANDI PREMIUMS

Bombay, Dec. 28.

Groundnuts May	Rs.	12 0 0
Silver		6 0 0
Gold		3 12 0

INDIAN COTTON FIGURES

Bombay, Dec. 28.

RECEIPTS INTO BOMBAY
Since 1st Sept.

In full-pressed bales.

	24-12-42	This year	Last year
Khandesh	1,004	30,276	18,490
Central India	396	10,818	7,220
Barsi and Nagar	.....	7,038	19,207
Hyderabad/Gaorani	.....	2,907	1,197
Berar	3,454	49,418	53,334
Central Provinces	.....	6,029	21,316
Total Oomras	4,854	106,486	122,770
Dholeras	127	6,857	12,934
N W Provinces	....	414	949
Rajputana	.....	.....	279
Sind-Punjab	9,364	179,196	146,039
Broach	.....	16,528	14,814
Compta and Dharwar	376	52,303	5,566
Westerns-Northerns	.....	14,829	5,878
Cocoanada	.....	.....	.....
Tinnevelly and Cambodia	.....	14,240	7,414
Arrived by road to 17th December 1942	.....	16,000	27,500

Position Of Scheduled Banks

Statement of the position of scheduled banks as at the close of business on the 18th December:—

Demand Liabilities in India	340,83,69,000
Time Liabilities in India	110,85,75,000
Cash in India:—	
(i) Currency Notes of the Government of India and Bank Notes	13,09,31,000
(ii) Rupee Coin	1,02,53,000
(iii) Subsidiary Coin	28,69,000
Balances with Reserve Bank	49,27,42,000
Advances in India	92,33,26,000
Bills discounted in India	2,84,57,000

MONEY MARKET

Bombay, Dec. 28.

LONDON:—
Banks buying 90 Days/St 1/6 9/32 Two Months.
Banks buying 90 Days/St. 1/6 5/16 Three Months.
Banks buying 90 Days/St. 1/6 5/16 Four Months.
B. C. Rates T T 1/5 15/16 D D 1/6 15/16
Banks selling T T 1/5 31/32 D D 1/5 31/32
Banks buying T T 1/6 1/32 D D 1/6 5/32
LONDON/NEW YORK:—
Banks selling T T Rs. 332 3/4 D D Rs. 332 3/4
Banks buying T T Rs. 329 1/2 D D Rs. 326 1/2
LONDON/MONTREAL:—
Banks selling T T Rs. 302 1/2 D D Rs. 302 1/2
Banks buying T T Rs. 297 3/4 D D Rs. 294 3/4
LONDON/BERNE:—
Banks selling T T Fcs 126 3/4
Banks buying T T Fcs 131 1/2
LONDON/STOCKHOLM:—
Banks selling T T K 123 D D K 123
Banks buying T T K 128 D D K 128
MEXICO/LONDON:—
Banks selling T T Rs. 67.27 D D Rs. 66.27
Banks buying T T Rs. 63.04 D D Rs. 62.04
LISBON/LONDON:—
Banks selling T T Esc 7.35 nom. D D Esc 7.35 nom.
Banks buying T T Esc 7.55 D D Esc 7.55
AUSTRALIA/LONDON:—
Banks selling T T 1/10 3/8 D D 1/10 3/8
Banks buying T T — D D 1/11 3/8
Tone of Sterling Exchange:—Steady.
Gold £8-8-0 Ready.
New York Silver 44 3/4
London Silver 23 1/2 Ready 23 1/2 Forward
London Discounts 3 months 1 1/16 per cent
London Discounts 6 months 1 1/8 per cent
Reserve Bank Rate 3 per cent
Bank of England Rate 2 per cent
Money:—Call 1 and 2 months 1/4 per cent
3 to 9 months 1/2 per cent
10 to 12 months 3/4 per cent
Tone:—Small enquiry.

GOLD AND SILVER

Bombay, Dec. 28.

London gold was unchanged at £8-8-0. Dollar sterling cross rate was 4.02 1/2 to 4.03 1/2 at London and 4.03 3/4 at New York. London spot and forward silver quotations were 23 1/2d and New York spot silver was placed at 44 3/4 cents.

The local market was easy to-day with increased general selling pressure. It appears that up-country traders are liquidating their holdings. Silver was expected to open at Rs. 101/8 but the market opened at Rs 100 and declined to Rs. 98. Gold was also quiet at Rs. 65/8. Quotations were as under:—

GOLD

Ready	Rs.	65 10 0
Magsar		65 8 0
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MUTT AND JEFF—Well, as Long as Everybody Is Talking Alphabetically, Why Not Jeff? By BUD FISHER

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TEN CENTS BUS FARE. TWO BUCKS G.O.K. SIX BUCKS G.O.K. TWO BITS LUNCH. TEN BUCKS G.O.K. WHAT'S THIS G.O.K.?
G.O.K.?
?
OH, THAT MEANS "GOODNESS ONLY KNOWS!"
TEN BUCKS OVERHEAD EXPENSES! WHAT'S THAT?
I BOUGHT A NEW HAT AND UMBRELLA!
WHAT HAPPENED TO YOU?
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The Half-Column
By "Dim"

May I be permitted to smile, if only a little, at the instance given by The "Times of India's" Special Correspondent from London, which is supposed to indicate that a social revolution has swept over Britain? Says the Special Correspondent: "As an instance, there is the widow of a great Empire servant who has been used to dwelling in stately residences. SHE NOW OCCUPIES TWO ROOMS in KENSINGTON & DOES ALL HER DOMESTIC WORK." Am I right in supposing that this is just Sir Stanley Reed getting melodramatic about Lady Willingdon?

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Elsewhere in this paper appears a letter from Mr. Leith, who describes himself as a personal friend of "John Colville". So we better watch Mr. Leith. He is the coming man, obviously—unless the friendship has faded with the years.

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Here is rather a nice story about one of our four INDIAN Wing-Commmanders. It seems that when this Indian was in England he went with some of his fellow British officers on a short holiday to Brighton. The Indian had fought in the Battle of Britain. But the Brighton hotel still hung a notice which said "Indians Not Allowed." The British officers tried to convince the management that the sign should come down, but the management wouldn't budge. So the boys of the new England went in and smashed the place up, while the Indian waited outside. Why aren't there Englishmen like that here?

REX
Delicious
JELLIES

U. S. Tinned Fruit And Vegetable To Be Rationed

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.

Food Administrator Wickard announced on Sunday that owing to military demands he had directed the office of Price Administration to ration all tinned dried and frozen fruit and vegetable as soon as the machinery can be set up.—Reuter.

Largest Consignment Of Red Cross Supplies

LONDON, Dec. 27.

A consignment of 574000 Red Cross food parcels which left Geneva for British prisoners in Germany and Italy during the first two weeks in November was the largest despatch in any fortnight since the war started. Unless any unforeseen accident occurred all prison camps should have received their parcels in time. During this year the Red Cross and St. John War Organisation have despatched over five and a half million food parcels for prisoners of war.—Reuter.

A revised scale of fees for testing and inspection and for the services of Electric Inspectors under the Indian Electricity Act, 1910, will be brought into force in Bombay Province from January 1. Details of the fees were published in the 'Bombay Government Gazette' of December 10.

Tide Turning Against Japanese

"Times" On Tojo's Pessimistic Review Of War

LONDON, Dec. 28.

The "Times" to-day commenting on General Tojo's review of the war situation, "Which the people of Japan can hardly find very encouraging," writes, "It is too soon fo. the United Nations to indulge in any jubilation but it is clear enough that the whole outlook on the Pacific front is very different from what it was six months ago.

The tide of the Japanese invasion has yet to be rolled back but it has been stemmed at any rate for the time being and the initiative seems to be passing into the hands of the Allies.

It is significant that Rabaul, the great harbour in New Britain which is the pivot of the whole Japanese position in the south-west Pacific is now being raided by heavy bombers.

serious attempt to wrest it from the enemy may be expected when the allies have strengthened their bases in New Guinea and the Solomons.

The British advance into Burma along the coast leading to Akyab may not be of any great importance in itself but it may well prove the prelude to a bigger move for reconquest of Burma and the reopening of the Burma road which would put an end to the Japanese blockade of China.

Rome Likely To Be Made Immune To Raids

LEEDS, Dec. 28.

There are good grounds for believing that some attempt is being made to reach agreement which would grant the city of Rome immunity from air attack, according to the "Yorkshire Post" in an editorial to-day.

"Britain's attitude in our view should be that such an agreement will be considered but only on the strictest terms dictated by the Allies," the newspaper adds.—Reuter.

RAW MATERIALS IN NORTH AFRICA

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28

Raw materials available to the United Nations in French North Africa including vital supplies of zinc, lead, cobalt and manganese have been allocated to the United States and the United Kingdom, the combined Raw Materials Board announced to-day.

The allocation is made with the co-operation of the French authorities in North Africa. After meeting local needs supplies available for export will go to the two countries on the following basis: to the United Kingdom iron ore and pyrites phosphate rock and super-phosphates zinc ore and concentrates of lead, bullion and ore.

To the United States—manganese cobalt ore and cork. The board said that the most important raw materials available from North Africa are phosphate rock and iron ore.

French North Africa ranks only behind the United States in the production of phosphate rock with an average annual pre-war production of more than 4 million tons. The average French North African production of high grade iron ores running to over 50 per cent of iron content is more than 3 million tons yearly.

The board added, however that actual exports in 1943, are expected to be considerably less than demand. High grade iron ore is important for Great Britain's steel production while phosphates are needed for the United Kingdom's intensive agricultural programme.—Reuter.

Roosevelt's Son Gets "Flying Cross"

LONDON, Dec. 28.

Allied Force headquarters North Africa :—

Major-General James H. Doolittle this morning awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross to Lieutenant-Colonel Elliott Roosevelt, President's son, at the Maison Blanche air field.

The citation says the award was made "For heroism and extraordinary achievement while participating on aerial flights."—Reuter.

DOZEN KILLED IN TRAIN COLLISION

OTTAWA, Dec. 28.

Ten or twelve persons were fatally injured when a troup train crashed into the back of a local passenger train at Almonte, Ontario on Sunday night. All the fatalities were on board the passenger train. Nobody was injured among the passengers or crew of the troop train.—Reuter.

Sir Jogendra Singh Appeals To Princes & People

TRIVANDRUM, Dec 28.

"It is not beyond the powers of Princes and representatives of people to bring federal constitution into action and thus actively work towards the realisation of righteous rule.

In this hour of peril, unless princes and people join hands to maintain the integrity of India by bringing federation into action, they will jeopardise the future of India and with it their own" said Sir Jogendra Singh, member Viceroy's Executive Council, making an earnest plea to princes to help bringing federation into action, in his presidential address to the 19th session of the Indian Historical Records Commission held here to-day.—A. P.

Task Before Indian Historical Commission

TRIVANDRUM, Dec. 28.

H. H. the Maharaja of Travancore, opened the nineteenth session of the Indian Historical Records Commission today at the Legislative Chamber. His Highness said:—

"The goal of United India and successive political and historical stages which helped to bring about that unity during the last nearly 200 years have indeed undeniably indicated the necessity for such work as is laid on this Commission."

Proceedings of the opening session were broadcast from the Legislative Chamber.—A. P.

Six Hur Women Convicted?

KARACHI, Dec. 27.

Six Hur women who were suspected to be acting as spies of the Hur leaders Waryam and Matu, said to be the leader of the gang of Hurs responsible for the derailment of Lahore Mail at Tando Adam, were produced before a special court at Hyderabad. They were charged with having supplied food and clothing to the Hur leaders and also information about the movements of the police and the military. The Magistrate ordered them to furnish sureties, failing which they were given three years' imprisonment each.

MORE HUR ARRESTS

Reports of the arrests of Hurs continue to be received from Nawabsha district it is stated, about twenty Hurs are daily being taken into custody. So far about a thousand Hurs have been convicted under the Hur Act in this district.

Deputy Mayor Of Calcutta Dead

CALCUTTA, Dec. 28.

The death occurred at 1 a.m. this morning of Mr. Adam Ossman, Deputy Mayor of Calcutta.—A. P.

PLIGHT OF WAR PRISONERS

CHUNGKING, December 27.

The treatment of war prisoners in Honk Kong has deteriorated Men have lost on an average over three stone in weight while malnutrition due to insufficient food or the wrong type of food has been responsible for 'beri beri' dysentry and diptheria epidemics.

Not until there was a possibility of the diseases spreading beyond the prison camps did the Japanese give medical treatment according to Mr Evans, one of three British naval men who have reached Chungking after escaping from a Japanese transport off the coast of Chekiang.

Mr. Evans who was a prisoner in Shamshuipo camp stated that during August and September, deaths amongst the prisoners averaged 40 monthly.—Reuter.

Chiang Wishes United Nations Early Victory

CHUNGKING, Dec. 28.

Generalissimo Chiang-Kai-Shek in a message to the Allied forces on Sunday said, "As Commander-in-Chief of the China war theatre and as a Christian I wish the United Nations early victory and our Allied officers and men happiness and good health.

The United Nations are fighting for international justice and human freedom. This coincides with the three peoples principles of Sun-Yat-Sen which when translated into action will also mean realisation of the doctrine of Christ."

FINAL TOUCHES TO PACT

The British Ambassador, Sir Horace Seymour, spent Christmas busily giving finishing touches to the draft of the treaty which will abolish British extra-territoriality in China.

Marshal Chiang-Kai-Shek gave a dinner to diplomats while Allied officers took tea with the Chinese air force.—Reuter

ARRESTED ON CHARGE OF MAHIM FAIR STABBING

BOMBAY, Monday.

In connection with the murder of a police constable at the Mahim Fair last week, the City C.I.D. headed by Inspector Quilter of the Crime Branch, have arrested one person this morning.

The murder is supposed to be the work of a gang operating on a wide scale.

Need For New Outlook In Education

Indore Conference Condoles Death Of Sir Sikandar

INDORE, Dec. 28.

The Eighteenth All-India Educational Conference and the Third Indian Adult Education Conference were inaugurated yesterday afternoon at King Edward Hall, Indore by H. H. the Maharaja of Dewas (Senior) and President of the Holkar State Cabinet.

H. H. the Maharaja of Dewas in the course of his address said, "It is not for me to dwell on the vast cataclysm which has been shaking the world for the last three years and more, but one cannot help saying that although a number of educational reforms are long overdue in spite of having been in germination for a long period of time, the present war has brought us to a point where it is absolutely essential that such educational growth and development should take place as rapidly as possible. The rapid industrial development which has taken place in India consequent on war is a special reason why it is essential to adapt our education to the modern world as quickly as possible. What these educational changes may be I leave to experts such as those present to decide, but as a man of action, I would urge on you and on all those who have the charge of education in the States and Provinces of this great country that one must look on education henceforth from a practical point of view. By this I do not mean simply that we should open masses of commercial and technical schools. But I do mean that our schools and colleges should in future have a direct relation to the surroundings of those who will study in them.

Victory over poverty, distress and disunion whether ideological communal or provincial would be a much greater victory than anything which may be achieved by our armed forces.

Mr. S. B. Richardson, Education Minister, Holkar State and President of Reception Committee welcomed the delegates to the Conference. Mr. Richardson proposed Dr. M. R. Jayakar to the chair.

After the presidential address had been delivered by Dr. Jayakar, a resolution condoling the death of Sir Sikandar Hyat Khan was passed. At this stage, the day's proceedings concluded.

There was a distinguished gathering of delegates from all over the country.

Prominent among those present were the Rt. Hon. Dr. M. R. Jayakar, Pandit Amarnath Jha, Vice-Chancellor, Allahabad University, Sir Kenneth Fitze, Political Secretary to the Government of India, the Hon'ble the Resident for Central India, the Hon'ble Pandit Prakash Narayan Sapru, Member of the Council of State, Mr. R. A. Horton, Vice-President of the Holkar State Cabinet, Mr. S. B. Richardson, Education Minister, Holkar State, Mrs. Richardson, Dewan Rajgarh Mr. K. G. Saiyeden, Director of Education, Kashmir and Jammu, Prof. K. T. Shah and other Ministers of the Holkar State.

YUGOSLAV CABINET TO RESIGN

LONDON, Dec. 28.

The Yugoslav Government have decided to resign. Premier Yovanovitch of the Yugoslav Cabinet in London said to-day that he had decided to place the resignation of the Cabinet before King Peter to-morrow. The Cabinet agreed.

It is expected that the Yugoslav Premier Jovanovitch will be asked by King Peter to form the new Government.

Reuter understands the Foreign Minister, Nintchitch will not be a member of the Cabinet, but Mihailovitch will stay as War Minister. It is likely the new Foreign Minister will be Milan Grol, ex-Transport Minister and leader of the Serbian Democratic Party.—Reuter.

U. S. Planes Make Forced Landing

LISBON, Dec. 28.

Three American planes made forced landings in Portugal yesterday—two at Lisbon airport and one on the beach of Santa Cruz. Members of the crew have been detained by authorities. All planes were undamaged.—Reuter.

Rest Of South Africa Beats R.A.F. Cricket Eleven

JOHANNESBURG Dec 28

A sporting declaration by Squadron Leader Walter Hammond, leaving the rest of South Africa 65 minutes to get 116 runs to beat the Royal Airforce Eleven which he captained enabled the rest to win in the last over by five wickets here to-day.

The scores were :—Airforce Eleven 172 and 266 for seven declared. The rest of South Africa 323 and 117 for five wickets. About 600 sterling was raised for war funds by the match.—Reuter.

The Government of Bombay has sanctioned the continuance until March 31, 1946, of the Wool Weaving Demonstration at Miri (Ahmednagar District) and the four cotton weaving units in the Northern Division.

De Gaulle And Giraud Agree To Collaborate In Fight Against Hitler

British Press Welcomes New Appointment Of Giraud

LONDON, Dec. 28

The British press to-day welcoming generally the appointment of General Giraud, as High Commissioner of French North and West Africa in succession to Admiral Darlan stresses the need and opportunity for unity among the French people aligned against Hitler.

In this connection, Wilson Broadbent, the "Daily Mail's" diplomatic correspondent states that General De Gaulle and General Giraud are expected to meet at an early date.

Referring to General De Gaulle's lunch with Mr. Churchill yesterday the correspondent adds that in the next few days the fighting French leader will continue important discussions with other Allied statesmen.

Broadbent adds "Both General De Gaulle and General Giraud are understood some time ago to have expressed their willingness to co-operate with each other and to have reaffirmed that desire in the last 24 hours.

A "Times" editorial says of General Giraud, "His first order of the day marks the man. The call is unequivocal. It goes forth in the name of France. The task is victory."

Speaking of Admiral Darlan, the press generally takes the view that now is not the time for judgment of the man and his actions.

In the words of "The Times", "If ever there was a case for the dead past burying its dead, this is one". "Darlan's major fault" adds the paper, "was that he had little faith in his own country and still less in this".

"The choice of General Giraud as Darlan's successor received unqualified approval of fighting French circles in Washington on Sunday" says a message from Washington. A spokesman said that General Giraud's elevation to High Commissioner was an important step towards the achievement of French unity.—Reuter.

De Gaullists Discuss Future

LONDON, Dec. 28.

A Fighting French headquarters communique says, "The French National Committee met on December 26 under the presidency of General De Gaulle.

The Committee considered information relating to most recent events in French North Africa and discussed the eventual consequences of these events from the point of view of union of the French people and the French empire in the war. Other current affairs were discussed."—Reuter.

LONDON, Dec. 27: The Prime Minister Mr. Churchill lunched with General De Gaulle and General Dastier De La Vigeria to-day.—Reuter.

Nahas Pasha's Tribute To Indian Army

CAIRO, Dec. 26.

"His Excellency Mustafa-el-Nahas Pasha, the Prime Minister of Egypt, paid a tribute to India's fighting men at a tea party given in his honour by Indian soldiers to express their gratitude for the Egyptian Government's giving a beautiful garden on the bank of the Nile for use as a rest camp for Indian soldiers on leave from battlefields. A number of Indian soldiers and officers of the Indian Army, including Brigadier Crystal, President of the Indian Troops Welfare Committee, were present. His Excellency inspected the camp met and talked to many V.C.O.'s and men who garlanded the ministers.

"I wish to express to you on behalf of myself and of the Government over which I have the honour to preside my gratitude for your kind invitation." It has touched me" he said, "for it indeed gives me a deep source for happiness to be amongst the brave soldiers from India now serving the cause which is so dear to us all, the cause of liberty. Both you and we are linked by innumerable bonds which have made us brothers.

THE WEST OWES TO BOTH

I also remember that both Egypt and India at the very dawn of history have been the cradle of civilisation and the West owes to both of us the revelation of a higher ideal of life. For have not Egypt and India directed all their efforts towards making spirit prevail above matter and even erecting this ideal into a cult.

"I welcome you men of India to this hospitable land of Egypt and I will avail myself of this period of feasts, Moslem and Christian and Hindu to extend to you my heartful wishes for speedy victory. I hope that when you return to your homes in a not too distant future you will enjoy the benefits of that victory, which will spread wide its wings over a happy world of peace and bring about the realisation of all legitimate national aspiration."

McGill University Vice-Principal Dies

MONTREAL, Dec. 28.

The Canadian scientist and geologist Dr. Frank Dawson Adams died on Sunday aged 83. He was Vice-Principal of McGill University, Montreal.—Reuter.

BOMBAY, Monday.

Cowasji Dhanjishaw Kharas (31) who had fallen from a train in motion at Dadar (G.I.P. Railway) last night was immediately taken to the K.E.M. Hospital where he died this morning.

An inquest will be held tomorrow.

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I GO FREE, OR THIS GIRL DIES!
WADE AND DON AREN'T MAKING OUT SO WELL — FAR FROM IT!
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